

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

New Approach

BETWEEN their attacks against the Western powers in general and British "colonialism" in particular, the Soviet leaders now touring India and Burma have interjected references to disarmament. Nothing they have said, however, holds out hope for a more pliable approach by the Russians to this complicated problem.

Messrs Bulganin and Krushchev are of the opinion that disarmament should be discussed by the great powers. But what else have they been doing during the last nine long years? And the net result to date? Stalemate.

So far there is an agreement in principle that disarmament is desirable. At times Russia and the West have given the appearance of being in sight of even more practicable agreement. But whenever this has happened discussions have been stymied by the single question of international control and inspection.

Some of the Soviet proposals are well enough conceived; i.e., the reduction of armies to definite levels; renunciation of the use of atomic or nuclear weapons and cessation of their manufacture; the destruction of existing stocks. But when it has come to the question of inspection by an international control agency to ensure that such a programme is being honestly carried out, the Russians have balked.

IT is essentially because the Soviets will have no truck with the inspection proposals that the Western powers feel there is no guarantee that the Kremlin disarmament programme will be carried out by countries behind the Iron Curtain. This doubt is emphasised by the fact that the strength of the armed forces of all Communist countries remains a closely guarded State secret which the Russians will not even disclose in private meetings of the UN Disarmament Commission.

What then is to be done? The Russians will not agree to inspection, and control over the whole field of disarmament is admittedly difficult; without unfettered inspection impossible. This is the real dilemma.

IT is becoming apparent that a comprehensive world disarmament scheme presents too many difficulties. The Western powers have begun to acknowledge this and they have been trying to interest Russia in the idea of tackling the problem in a more modest way. The suggestion is that firstly the great powers should agree on what could be controlled, and then to control it.

Admittedly this would not be sufficient in itself, but it offers a practical start, and if it could be accomplished, that very fact would engender confidence which would make further steps possible.

Britain's latest proposals before the UN Disarmament Commission typifies the new Western approach to the problem. They call for a plan for such disarmament that can be safely carried out in the immediate future, and a system of control to support the scheme at every stage.

Sir Anthony Eden has put it to the Russians in this way: let them lower their sights for the time being and examine first how much disarmament is immediately practicable. That might look less ambitious, but it is more realistic, and it certainly holds out better prospects of getting quicker action.

BRITISH MINISTERS HIT BACK AT KRUSHCHEV 'YOU TALK CHILDISH NONSENSE' Nutting And Selwyn Lloyd Follow Churchill's Lead

Two British cabinet ministers followed up Sir Winston Churchill's criticism of Mr Nikita Krushchev yesterday. One—Mr Anthony Nutting—said he was talking "childish nonsense". Another—Mr Selwyn Lloyd—said his speeches "do not sound like those of one who is genuinely seeking to lessen international tension."

IN NEW YORK:

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Anthony Nutting said Soviet abuse of the Western powers—such as 'Britain regards you as savages'—was childish nonsense.

He added that it was not very flattering to their Asian audience.

Mr Nutting made the comment in a review of foreign affairs to the Pilgrim Society, a private organisation devoted to furthering ties between Britain and the United States.

Declaring that the Communists were launching an offensive in the grand manner in the Far East, Southeast Asia and the Middle East, Mr Nutting said Communist blandishments—such as "you stay neutral and we'll be on your side"—were accompanied by abuse of the Western powers.

As an example of this abuse he quoted: "Britain and

France started the last war. America will start the next. Britain regards you as savages. Get rid of the colonialist imperialist warmongers."

Not Very Flattering

"To say the least of it this kind of childish nonsense is not very flattering to the intelligence of their Asian audience."

The examples of abuse cited by Mr Nutting have been attributed to Mr Nikita Krushchev, the Soviet Communist party leader, and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Premier, in press dispatches from India and Burma during their current

Asian tour. Mr Nutting did not mention them by name. Mr Nutting expressed the hope that "some who think that they can steer their ship just close enough to the Communist breeze and get just enough wind to sail on with independence" would "change their course before it is too late and the wind has blown their ship aground."

IN GREENOCK:

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of Defence, said the recent speeches in India and Burma by Mr Krushchev, "do not sound like the speeches of one who is genuinely seeking to lessen international tension."

★ AND THE TWO MINISTERS—



Mr Nutting



Mr Selwyn Lloyd

Tension In Moroccan Capital

TWO KILLED IN RABAT RIOTING

Rabat, Dec. 5. Gunfire cracked and big shops blazed in the narrow streets of the native quarter of Rabat today in a bloody anti-European riot. Two Moroccans were killed and five others seriously wounded.

Crowds attending the Moroccan quarter funeral of a murdered Moroccan taxi driver went wild when a rumour spread that Europeans had slashed his throat.

As Moroccan police rushed into the quarter to restore order, gunfire broke out from the crowd. The police returned the shots. When the street fighting grew worse, European and Moroccan shopkeepers alike closed down their shutters. The crowd put the torch to at least two big shops. They were burnt to the ground.

PLANS DIFFER

New riots flared as Morocco's two leading parties split on plans to form the country's first modern government.

The divergences between the two leading nationalist groups threatened today to delay Premier-designate Si Bekkal's plans in forming Morocco's first independent Government by tonight or early tomorrow morning.

But Si Bekkal remained confident he would overcome the difficulties springing from the rivalry between the Istiqlal (Independence) and the De-

mocratic Independence (PDI) parties. The two parties have put forward divergent conditions for participation in Si Bekkal's "National Unity" Government.

MAN LYNCHED

And the Istiqlal congress wound up early this morning by maintaining its demand of at least 45 per cent of the Cabinet seats on Si Bekkal's team.

The congress also decided the party should refuse to participate if it were refused certain key ministries. The Istiqlal which claims to have more followers than the PDI especially demands the vital Interior Ministry.

The third condition put forward by the congress called for full freedom from France and abrogation of the 1912 protectorate treaty. Negotiations with France should be conducted "on the basis of full equality," the Istiqlal motion said.

The PDI rejects the Istiqlal's demand for 45 per cent of the portfolios. The PDI claims one-third should go to the PDI, one-third to the Independents and one-third to the Istiqlal. Si Bekkal scheduled a new round of conferences with the two party leaders to win their backing and participation.—United Press.

Death Sentence Quashed

Washington, Dec. 5. An American negro, Amos Reese, was today saved from the electric chair by the United States Supreme Court.

Reese, who had twice been found guilty of "robbing" white women, had his sentence quashed after the High Court found that he had been refused a lawyer until the day after he was indicted by a grand jury.

The High Court also stated that Reese had "not been able to exercise his rights under the American Constitution" as there had been no negro on the Grand Jury which had tried Reese.

The Georgia State Court was ordered to appoint a new Grand Jury.

MR FRANCE IN BID FOR POWER

Seeks Allies From Left And Right

Paris, Dec. 5. Former Premier Pierre Mendes-France enlisted fresh allies from both left and right today for the election campaign against his old friend Premier Edgar Faure.

Several powerful left wing Socialist federations named candidates favouring close partnership with M. Mendes-France.

The right wing Gaullist Party president, M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas, was touring the provinces campaigning for the former Premier.

"Mr France" was becoming leader of the opposition forces in fact as well as fancy. Tomorrow the Socialists will make the final decision on whether to ally with M. Mendes-France on a national level.

ALLIED WITH REDS

But the Socialist federations in the Gers, Sarthe, Haut Rhin and Pyrénées-Orientales Departments have already named candidates supporting M. Mendes-France's fight for a leftist bloc.

Only the Hérault department federation approved, by a slender majority, a motion favouring electoral alliance with the Communists.

The two most powerful Socialist federations in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais industrial districts called on the Party National Congress to consider a nation-wide alliance with M. Mendes-France only.

The Socialist Alliance would not give M. Mendes-France full victory in most French departments. But he hopes to work out similar electoral pacts with the Union of Socialist and Democratic Resistance (UDSR) and the left wing Gaullists.

The Gaullist leader, 40-year-old Mayor Chaban-Delmas of Bordeaux who during the liberation emerged as 29 of the youngest French general since the days of Napoleon's Marshals, is busy touring the French pro-

Krushchev's Promise On Cold War

Hongkong, Dec. 5. Mr Nikita Krushchev said today Russia was "not losing hope" about the possibility of disarmament, and her leaders "will put all our efforts towards liquidating the cold war."

The Soviet Communist Party chief was speaking at a Burmese military parade at the former British hill station of Mandalay, 45 miles north-east of Rangoon.

The parade marked the end of the two-day tour of the Shan States and Upper Burma for which he and the Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, interrupted their round of "friendly" discussions in Rangoon.

Mr Krushchev said that an army of 100,000 men was being sent to the border with China, but would not be used in any war. He said that the Soviet Union was not a threat to any country.

India Calls In American Ambassador "Please Explain..."

New Delhi, Dec. 5. Mr Sherman Cooper, United States Ambassador, was summoned to the Indian Foreign Ministry today and is reported to have been told of India's grave view of a joint Portuguese-American statement on Portugal's possessions in India.

According to the Press Trust of India Mr S. Dutt, Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs, was believed to have told Mr Cooper that India took a serious view of the statement by the American and Portuguese foreign ministers.

Mr S. Dutt said that the Soviet Premier and Mr Nikita Krushchev, the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, made statements during their visit to India interpreted as supporting India's claim to the Portuguese-Indian territory of Goa.

This joint statement from Mr John Foster Dulles, and Mr Paulo Cunha, the Portuguese Foreign Minister in Washington said they had discussed "various statements" attributed to the Soviet leaders including "allegations concerning the Portuguese provinces in the Far East."

PROTEST LIKELY

It was widely believed that India would make a strong protest to the United States on receiving official confirmation of the joint statement, issued on Friday.

Observers now wonder if the United States is acquiescing to Portugal's continued hold over Goa.

Mr Cooper, at a Press conference in September, said his government had not taken any position in the Goa dispute. In reply to a question, he said the United States had always stood against colonialism.—Reuter.

TEDDY BOY MURDERER DIED WITH A SMILE ON HIS LIPS

Auckland, Dec. 5. A 20-year-old Teddy boy killer was hanged today for murder with a smile on his lips and a wish for a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year for his executors. The youth was Albert Lawrence Black, 20, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, a Teddy boy who stabbed Alan Jacques to death last July in a quarrel over a girl.

Heavy police guards ringed the gall when authorities received an anonymous tip

that a gang of Teddy boys from Auckland would try to rescue him.

Prison authorities said Black was the calmest person they had ever executed. They said he climbed the 17 steps to the gallows unaided, and then paused to wish "everybody a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year" and many years of future happiness.

The warden said he still wore his smile even in death.—United Press.

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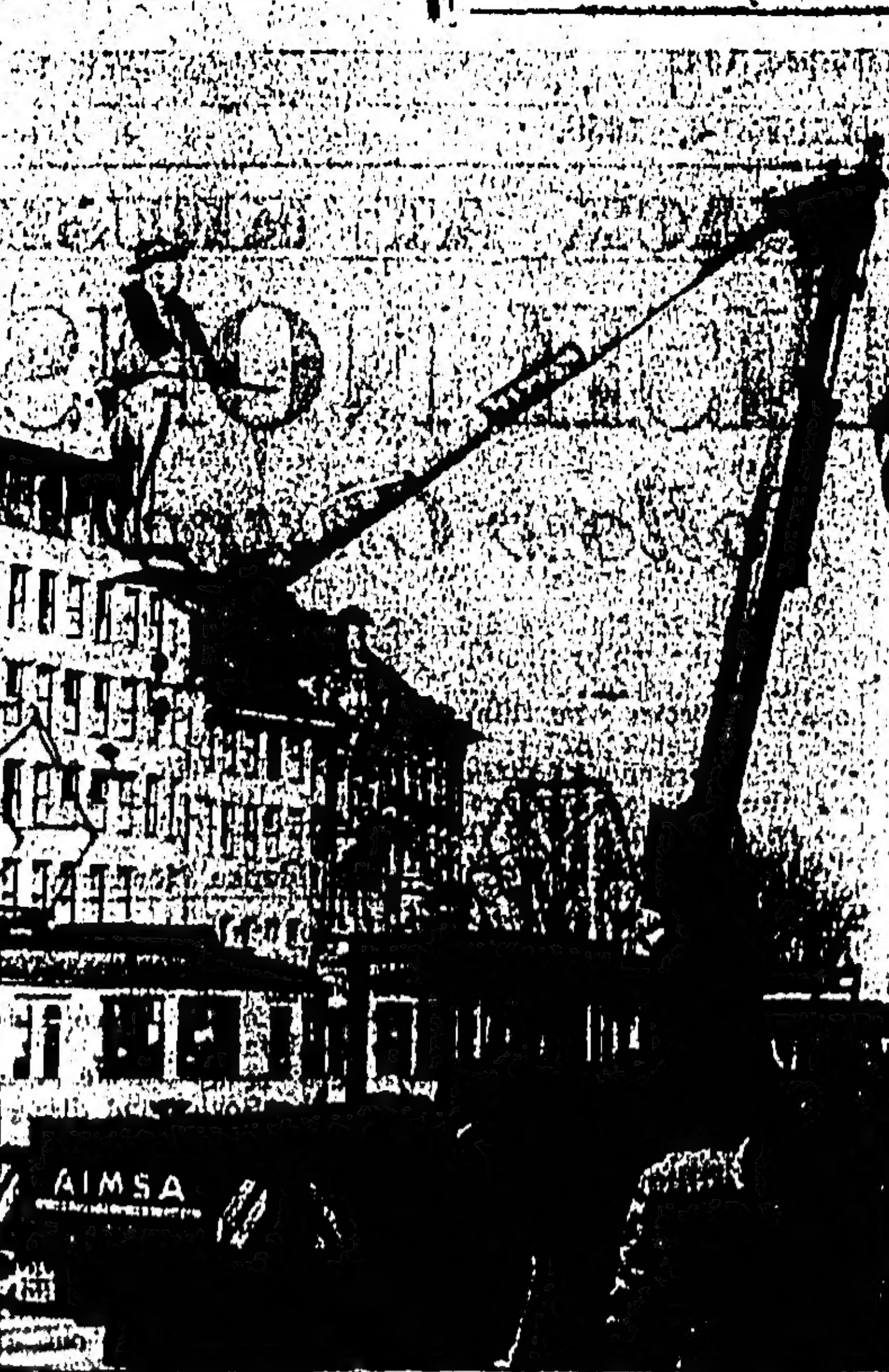
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manoeuvred in all directions up to a height of about 45
feet.—Express Photo.

SOHO FIGHT TRIAL
SUMMING UP

London, Dec. 5.
COUNSEL alleged in court
here today that an 88-
year-old parson, a confessed
perjurer, was "quite crafty
enough" to think up a
scheme for making his
intervention in a gangsters
trial worth while.

The parson, the Reverend Basil
Andrews, is key witness in
the trial at the Old Bailey,
Central Criminal Court here,
of Morris "Molsha" Goldstein,
43, Bernard "Sonny the Yank"
Schneek, 63, Peter Macdonough, 45,
and Mrs Margaret Comer, 27.

All four are charged with rigging
evidence to help clear self-
styled underworld "king",
Jack "Spot" Comer, at his
trial last September. Andrews
has admitted that his evidence
at the trial was "a pack of
lies."

Both Wounded

The accused are alleged to have
bribed Andrews to concoct an
eye-witness story of a knife
fight in London's cosmopolitan
Soho district. Jack Comer and
another man, Albert Dimes,
were both badly wounded in
the affray, but both were
found not guilty of any crime.

Public indignation erupted
when no one was brought to
justice for causing the brawl.

At today's hearing Mr F. Ashe
Lincoln, counsel for Mac-
donough, said that the pro-
secution's case stood or fell on
Andrews' evidence.

While one could not help but
feel "a certain sympathy" for
a man of 88 in Andrews' po-
sition, thousands of elderly
people had to retire on
inadequate pension, but "they
do not have recourse to the
life the Reverend Andrews
led," Mr Lincoln said.

He asked the jury if they were
going to believe anything that
Andrews had said, why
should they not believe one
of his own statements that he
had given false evidence "off
his own butt"? He did not.

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All Indians Not Happy Over
Russian Attack
On The West

London, Dec. 5.

Authoritative sources said here today
"all Indians are not happy" with all that the
Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita
Khrushchev said in India about the West.

The sources said if Prime Minister
Nehru "preferred to remain silent" and left
certain statements of the travelling Soviet
leaders "uncorrected" it was because of the
age-old Indian tradition of "never speak ill
or show disrespect to your guest—whatever
or whatever he may be."

During their tour of India,
Bulganin and Khrushchev had
accused the West of setting Hitler
against Russia, preventing
unification of Germany, and of
colonialism.

Western embassies in India
have sent to their governments
lengthy reports on the Russian
leaders' tour in India. It was
reliably learned here.

Being Studied

The reports, which are still
being studied by their respec-
tive governments have brought
to light some interesting facts,
informed sources said.

These sources said the reports
showed that while Nehru did
agree with the Russian leaders
on major portions of their state-
ments on colonialism, he disliked
the truth to be told so "bluntly
and crudely." Mr Nehru, of
course, was angered at the
West's silence over the Portu-
guese enclave of Goa the sources
said. He expected the West to
be "just and impartial" on this
matter.

Mr Nehru, the Western re-
ports were said to stress, was
also unhappy over the Com-
munist bosses choosing India as
a platform. He is a believer in
the policy of non-interference.
He wants India "to remain
neutral, aloof from party politics,
while at the same time contri-
buting his best for the world
peace."

Strange Men

A majority of the Western
envoys are reported to have un-
animously agreed that the Rus-
sians were given an "honorary"
welcome. The exuberant wel-
come was more curiosity to see
the "mysterious visitors" from
an "Iron Curtain" country than
to hear them speak on Russian
policy, one envoy's review is
reported to have said.

Indians had heard about
Bulganin and Khrushchev a lot
but had never seen them. Their
curiosity to see the "strange
men" combined with an appeal
from Nehru to welcome the
state visitors and their tradi-
tional warm-heartedness, the
report is believed to have sug-
gested.

In short, India will neither
turn Red nor White. It will
"ultimately hear Nehru... and
obey Nehru, and act as Nehru
says," one Western embassy is
said to have reported to its
Government.

The pro-Communist envoys,
on the other hand, have also
sent their reactions to their re-
spective countries on the Rus-
sians' visit to India, it was au-
thoritatively learned here.

Close Watch

Details of their reactions are
not yet known. But they re-
portedly have sent a "favo-
rable" review rejoicing at
the successful tour of the two
leaders, the sources here said.

The Soviet Government had
directed all its ambassadors in
the world to keep a close watch
on the West's reaction to the
Russian leaders' tour in Asia and
send them full reports before
the two travellers returned
home, the sources said.

Communist diplomats posted
in the West are reported to
have called the Russian tour
successful.
They were "immensely ob-
liged" to the Western press for
publicizing the Russian leaders,
and enlightening "our burden-
some" and "expensive" tour.
"Thousands of dollars other-
wise would have been spent by
the Communist Government for
publicity," the sources said.
—United Press.

Templer Due
In Amman

Amman, Dec. 5.
General Sir Gerald Templer,
Chief of the British Imperial
General Staff, will arrive here
tomorrow, it was announced in
Amman tonight.

It was stated that he will
discuss with the Jordan
Government questions of
Jordan's defence, and matters
connected with the Arab
Legion.—Reuter.

First Goods
Train Across
Gobi Desert

London, Dec. 5.
The first goods train to run
over the new railway across the
Gobi Desert, linking the Soviet
Union, Mongolia and China, will
start its journey on December
25, Moscow radio reported to-
night.

The new rail link will cut
the journey between Moscow
and Peking by over 1,000 kilo-
metres.

(Last April the Soviet News
agency, Tass, announced the
completion of the line from
Ulan Bator, the Mongolian
capital to the Chinese border.
A special train carried
Mongolian, Soviet and Chinese
representatives across the Gobi
Desert to the Chinese frontier).

(The line roughly follows
the old caravan route running
southeast from Ulan Bator to
Peking, passing through Sahn
Shanda).—Reuter.

REFUGEES STAY

Kampala, Dec. 5.
Refugees from the Sudan ac-
cused of political offences will
have the right of asylum in
Uganda, new regulations pub-
lished here today stated.

Fugitive criminals will be
deported to the Sudan, if war-
rants for their trials are sent
to Uganda, by the Sudan gov-
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Foreigners Spoiling Herring Fishing

London, Dec. 5.
A LABOUR member of Parliament has blamed "intensive trawling" by foreign vessels for Britain's bad herring fishing in the North Sea this year.

Forecasting that the Government intended to take off the white fish subsidy, Mr. Edward Evans, M.P., for Lowestoft declared here that foreign trawlers had depleted the natural sources of supply of herring.

"It is all the more tragic because, instead of the herring going for footcuffs and for pig meat," he added.

Members of Parliament representing fishing towns were determined to press the Government to find the cause of depleted herring catches this year, Mr. Evans declared.

Representations

If it was due to foreign trawling they were determined to see that the strongest possible representations were made to neighbouring countries to "ease up."

Regarding the removal of the white fish subsidy Mr. Evans said he was making the statement very carefully "and not without inside information." The subsidy had been a great benefit and he hoped the cutting would not be done too drastically.

Under the White Fish and Herring Industries Act of 1953 the British Government pay a subsidy towards the cost of new vessels and engines and in respect of fish caught in the inshore, near and middle waters. It expired in 1958.—China Mail Special.

Drowned Joining The Legion

Strasbourg, Dec. 5.
A young unidentified German was drowned in the icy waters of the Rhine yesterday while trying to swim from Germany to France to enlist in the Foreign Legion, it was learned here today.

The young man whose body has not been recovered yet was accompanied by another German youth who succeeded in getting across to the left bank of the river and informed the French authorities about the fate of his companion.—France-Press.

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CUBA WANTS SOUTH KOREA AND VIETNAM IN PACKAGE DEAL

New York, Dec. 5.

The Soviet Union protested today about a mention of Germany in the United Nations debate on admission of new members.

Dr Emilio Nunez-Portuondo, the Cuban delegate brought up the question when he was appealing for support for his proposal that the republic of Korea and Vietnam should be added to the "package" list of 18 applicants for admission.

The proposal of Canada and 17 other countries before the committee requests membership for all these 18 countries, about which no problem of unification arises. Under this formula, Korea and Vietnam would be excluded.

Dr Nunez-Portuondo complained that to omit South Korea meant putting the victim of aggression and the aggressors on the same footing. Vietnam had also been the victim of Communist aggression. Yet it was now being maintained that it should be denied the right to enter the United Nations.

Another Anomaly

"The Federal Republic of Germany is another anomaly," the Cuban delegate added.

Mr Jacob Malik, representing the Soviet Union, interposed to protest against the discussion of Germany.

Prince Wan Waihayakon, of Thailand, the committee chairman, replied that it was in order to refer to Germany, but he asked Mr Nunez-Portuondo to limit himself as far as possible to the draft resolution.

"In the list of states which have applied to the United Nations for admission, we do not find the German Federal Republic or the German Democratic Republic," Mr Malik said. "There is no reason to refer to the German question and I do not think the chairman is correct."

"I repeat," said Prince Wan, "that a reference to Germany is in order because the title of our item is admission of new members. That is a general question."

Veto Threatened

The 18 undivided states being considered for membership are: Austria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Portugal, Spain, Outer Mongolia, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

When the joint resolution has been approved by the committee, it will be sent to the

Security Council, where Nationalist China has threatened to veto Outer Mongolia. Such a veto would endanger the admission of all the others as the Soviet Union has said it would agree only to the admission of "all or nothing."

Dr Nunez-Portuondo said Cuba would oppose the five Communist applicants whose governments were imposed on their peoples by Soviet armies.

"We cannot but recognise that the voice which rises in the Kremlin is repeated in every part of the empire, even Outer Mongolia," he said.

Mr Marian Naszkowski, Polish deputy Foreign Minister, said Dr Nunez-Portuondo's speech had been full of hate and "its contents far from the truth and in terms very far from the customary procedures of this committee."

Fear had been shown in the speech, he said, that agreement might become possible over the admission of the applicants.

Closer Together

There was no doubt, Mr Naszkowski said, that the admission of new members was one of the most urgent problems on the Assembly's agenda. Poland could also give reasons for dissatisfaction with "this or that candidate" but she believed it would be in the United Nations interests to admit all the applicants.

At a time when views seemed to have come closer together, the Cuban delegation, in its attempt to admit South Korea and Vietnam, tended to make any agreement impossible and "make us go backwards," he said.

It seemed that the United Nations was very close to a solution and he appealed to all other delegations to act to introduce the 18 states so that they might work in harmony with it in the interests of peace and security.

Sir Percy Spender of Australia said all members of the committee should "greatly welcome the opportunity that presents itself in the form of the resolution now before us, of taking at long last effective steps towards a solution."

The membership item was undoubtedly a hardy annual that had survived many years of stunted growth, but seemed likely soon "to bear some kind of fruit," he said.

Not Interpreter

"In truth it is not principle with which we are here concerned but expediency," he went on. "The expediency of inexorable political circumstance. It is expedient in the interests of the United Nations and world peace that we should admit all 18 applicant nations irrespective of reservations we may have as to the qualifications for membership of certain of them."

Sir Percy said it had always been his view that the veto could not be used by a permanent member of the Security Council over the admission of a new member.

"If I am told that the Security Council has in the past regarded a recommendation by it as a recommendation, my reply is that the Security Council is not the interpreter of the Charter," he said. "In the present case political factors must override the juridical ones if there was to be any solution of 'the thorny problem' of admitting to Australia's reversal of her previous opposition to the package deal, Sir Percy said."

"We are quite clear that we are not doing something of which we can be very proud but something we are forced to do and would not do if there were no positive gains which we can only hope will outweigh the losses," he said.

need of a transfusion. But that would not be enough, he said.

"We gain more Asians, one of which has a long history of nationhood and experience as a major power in world affairs and all with centuries old traditions, all with the right of civilised people to recognition of their equality."

Sir Percy said: "We gain more Europeans in an organisation which has paid far too little respect to the great values of Western culture and development."

"We gain two of the leading countries of our time, Italy and Japan, whose membership of a society of nations would only have been delayed so long in the world in which principle and propriety have been spurred in ways we are all sadly aware of," Sir Percy said.

"We gain from our own Commonwealth point of view and of this I am especially glad the admission of Ceylon to its rightful place in this association of equal and sovereign states."

"We gain in taking a rapid and long stride toward the completion of the world-wide membership that is politically an obvious need. Let us hope that the day may not be too far distant when we can welcome a unified Germany among us."

Obstruct Will

Sir Percy concluded with an appeal to the representative of Nationalist China "not to exercise his veto in such a way as will obstruct the will of the great majority of nations on this matter."

"With every understanding of the logic of much of his argument, I say to him that we are here not dealing with the logic of reason but the logic of circumstance which obliges us if we are wise to take the course which is proposed," he said.—Reuter.

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Members of the Moscow State Folk-Dance Company, currently performing in London, were so enthralled at seeing British comedian Norman Wisdom's stage act recently that they were given the opportunity of meeting him in person and watching one of his films. He is shown here demonstrating a spot of Russian dancing to the Soviet artists, who keep time for him with hand-claps.—Express Photo.

MIGs For East Germany

Berlin, Dec. 5.
Soviet Russia has sent the first sleek MIG-15 fighters to the East German Air Force, Western intelligence officials said today.

Intelligence sources said the Soviets are delivering the jets for training of East German Air Force fighter pilots who hitherto trained on obsolete propeller-driven fighters.—United Press.

AVALANCHE BURIES 14 IN TYROL

Salzburg, Dec. 5.
The bodies of two workmen killed by the first avalanche of the year, have so far been recovered from the hydro-electric works at Kaprun, in the Hohe Tauern mountains of the Austrian Tyrol.

Altogether 14 men were buried as the huge avalanche over a hundred yards wide, hit them as they worked on scaffolding outside the power station.

Five specially-trained dogs were helping 30 police and 200 hundred workers tonight to set out the rest of the party. The rescuers were working by means of torches and hastily improvised flares.—France-Press.

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'New Returnee'

Tokyo, Dec. 6.
Chinese returning to China got one more "new returnee" yesterday when a baby girl was born on the repatriation ship Kwan Sheng just prior to the ship's arrival in Moji, Kyushu, southernmost Japan.

The birth raised to 155 the number of Chinese returnees aboard the 1,777-ton vessel, which left Moscow, western Soviet Union, for Japan.

Rehabilitation Of N. Korea FURIOUS TEMPO SAY JAPANESE

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

The eight members of the Japanese Diet (parliament) who visited Pyongyang, have returned to Tokyo "flabbergasted" and "shocked" by the "furious" tempo of reconstruction in North Korea.

The Japanese reported that they had seen a "fantastic" number of Russian technicians and supervisors, and quoted the North Korean Prime Minister, Kim Il Sung, as telling the delegation that he would "prove" to the people in South Korea that reunification under him would bring "prosperity and progress."

The Japanese said that they thought that North Korea would be able to stand on her own feet in another two years.

In 1953, Swedish and Swiss armistice supervisory officers described North Korea as a "graveyard with only chimneys left standing."

After the recent visit, Mr Sadao Furuya, the Socialist councillor who led the 8-man Diet delegation, told Reuter: "Today not a trace of war can be seen in Pyongyang." He added that Pyongyang was a "completely" rebuilt city with wide, modern avenues, large parks and new houses "everywhere."

Impossible To Judge

Mr Furuya, a former leftwing Socialist, said that he realised that it was impossible to judge the progress of a country after such a short visit, but he declared that he and his colleagues, all Socialists, were "deeply impressed" by what they had seen.

They were told that 80 per cent of North Korea's factory workers had moved into "new modern flats where they have to pay only a nominal rent."

They saw Russians everywhere—in plants, factories, supervising road building and all other building projects. There is a daily flight between Moscow and Pyongyang, they said, carrying a steady flow of Soviet engineers and technicians to North Korea. "And they bring their families with them and all of them stay in first class hotels," they added.

Not Satisfied

Mr Furuya said that he and his colleagues had not seen any Chinese soldiers or civilians in Pyongyang.

But he continued, although much has been done, Kim Il Sung is not completely satisfied. He explained to the Japanese visitors that North Korea has not sufficient manpower. When Mr Furuya told the Prime Minister that 80 per cent of all Koreans living in Japan,

Molotov Dines Grotawohl!

London, Dec. 5.
Mr Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, gave a dinner tonight to honour of the East German Premier, Herr O. Grotawohl, and members of his government, who arrived in Moscow earlier today on their way to China.

UN Talked Out Of Adjournment

New York, Dec. 5.
A rush of speech making ruled out today any hope that the United Nations General Assembly would be able to meet its December 10 target for adjournment.

The speakers list in the debate on admission of new members was closed with 35 countries still to be heard from, starting with this afternoon's meeting.

In the debate on disarmament, 28 countries inscribed their names. Even when the debate on these issues has been finished in the respective committees, the matters still have to go to an Assembly plenary session to be finally ratified.

Also in connection with the membership issue, the Security Council has still to meet before the Assembly can take any action. In addition to membership and disarmament, the Assembly's committee still have a number of other items to be discussed.

The Assembly session is now expected to last at least until the middle of next week.—China Mail Special.

Inquiry Into Issue Of Barge Permits

Honn, Dec. 5.

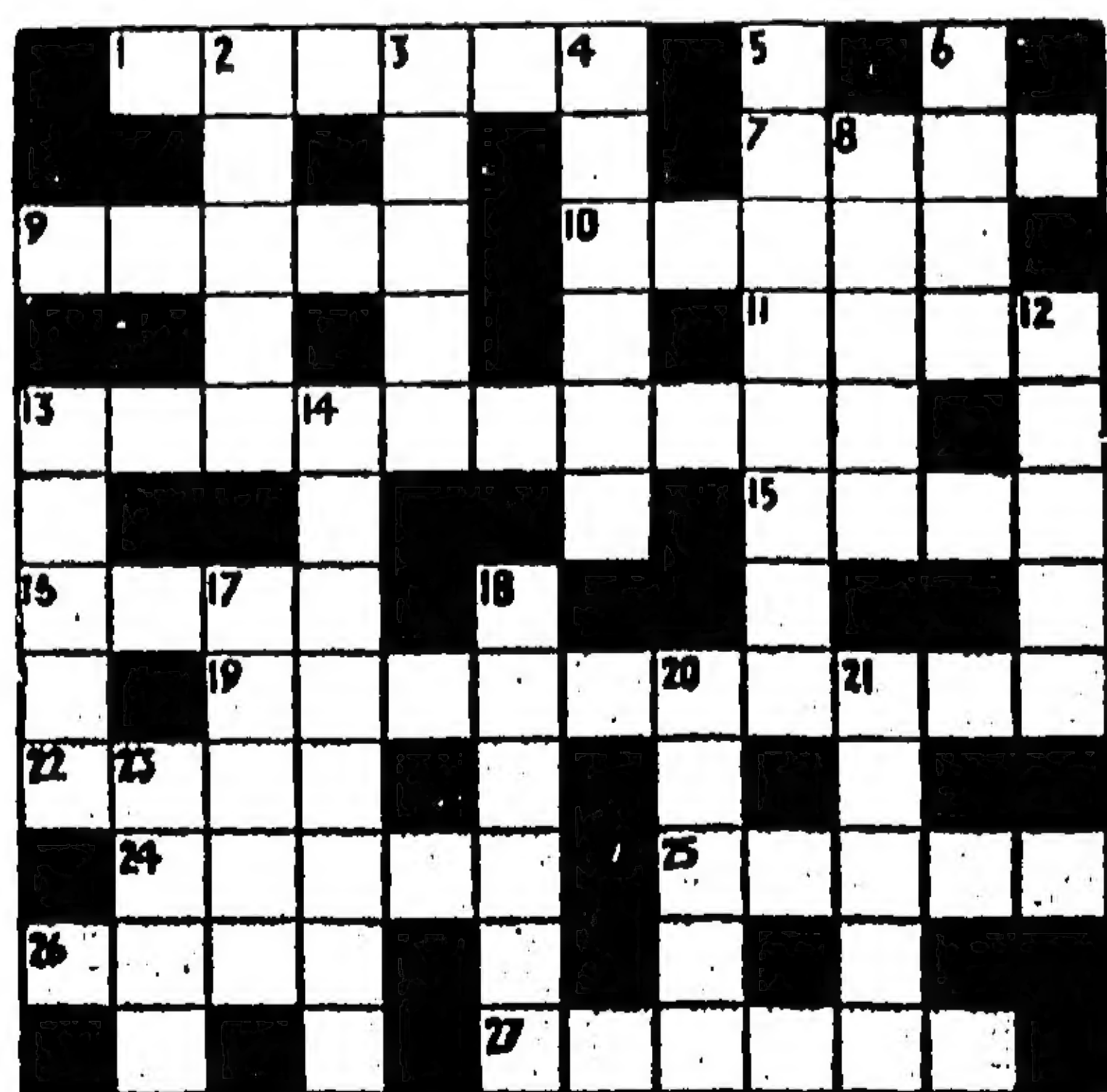
The West German Government tonight ordered an inquiry into the Soviet refusal to continue issuing permits for barges plying between West Germany and Berlin.

A government spokesman said the issue was regarded as a political problem, and a Cabinet committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Franz Blumert, would meet tomorrow or the next day to consider it.

Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the Foreign Minister, Dr Hans Christoph Seebohm, Transport Minister, Herr Jakob Kaiser, all-German Affairs, and a deputy of the Economics Minister would take part.

They would have before them a letter, not yet made public, but received 10 days ago from the East German Transport Minister, Herr Erwin Kramer, proposing negotiations on the question of barge traffic. The letter said this was one of the functions recently transferred by the Russians to the East Germans in granting them sovereignty.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Gap (6).
 - Sour (4).
 - Minor actor (5).
 - Chemical (5).
 - Change direction (4).
 - Famous (10).
 - Clurb (4).
 - Fuel (4).
 - Hollow (10).
 - Entrance (4).
 - Diminish (5).
 - Valo (4).
 - Spruce (6).
- DOWN
- Drive (5).
 - Pulsate (5).
 - Footwear (5).
 - Models (8).
 - Bank (4).
 - Rough (5).
 - Fabric (5).
 - God of love (5).
 - Coming in (6).
 - Worship (5).
 - Comrade (5).
 - Rascal (5).
 - Angry (5).
 - Birds (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Cohere, 4 Scale, 7 Larder, 9 Grand, 10 Paid, 12 Blamed, 15 Divan, 19 Bire, 21 Opt, 23 Comet, 26 Senator, 27 Bure, 28 Minion, 29 Camell, 30 Adage, 32 Tangled, Down: 1 Calypso, 2 Harlequin, 3 Fleet, 4 Caravan, 6 Liner, 8 Mirror, 11 Blithely, 12 Beacon, 13 Blinded, 14 Resolved, 16 Pledge, 20 Truce.

How would you expect a wife to react if her husband returned with a new face, scarred beyond recognition? It happened to a war hero and his wife. And it makes—

A HEROIC STORY I CANNOT FORGET

By Robert Pitman

THE bandaged man lay staring at the roof of the wagon. How would his wife react?

That was the question which danced before his lidless eyes as the train jogged slowly on.

He pictured himself on his last leave with her—a boyish, romantic, young officer, still in the full vigour of youth. Now everything was changed.

A few weeks earlier he had been dragged from the burning wreck of his R.A.F. bomber in the Belgian low country. They had rolled him like a charred log through the long, wet grass to put out the flames. Suddenly the hospital train heaved to a halt. The door was shoved open.

They gasped

Women peered in from the sunlit world outside. But when he moved his head to look at them they gasped in horror and drew back, shielding their faces from the sight of him.

For William Simpson, in the summer of 1940, it was the first unmistakable sign of how terribly he had been disfigured.

Now, in 1955, in a frank and powerful book (*I Burned My Fingers*, Putnam, 18s.), Squadron-Leader Simpson, O.B.E., D.F.C., describes his journey back to life from that moment of despair.

First came a year in France—a year of agonising treks from hospital to hospital. But repatriation to England brought deeper pain.

His wife was waiting for him in a room at a seaside hotel. Her hair and jumper were carefully dishevelled with the scent which she knew he liked best. Then her young husband hobbled in on maimed feet, with his hands reduced to stumps, his face burned almost beyond recognition, his left eye—still

without a lid—streaming helplessly. The tragedy which followed can be described in Simpson's own words:—

"All her hopes and dreams of finding me badly wounded and scarred—but not offensive, streaming at the eyes, dirtily bandaged and clumsily disabled—were shattered in that first instant of recognition. She broke down and wept."

He adds a pathetic confession:—
"It was bitterly ironic that her instinctive compassion had turned me against her. From that moment onwards, no matter how gallantly she tried—and she tried so hard and for so long—there was no way back into my heart. I had turned to stone."

Simpson had reached the loneliest stage in his journey. There was nothing he could do for himself. Unaided he could not even feed or drink. He could not wash, dress, brush his own hair, clean his own teeth. His body was broken, good for nothing. So were his marriage and his career.

She sparkled

That was 14 years ago. Yet today William Simpson is an eminently successful professional man. He has two fine children. His life, he says, "is sweet, satisfying, and purposeful."

Who worked this wonderful transformation?
There was Archie McIndoe, the greatest of our plastic surgeons. At his hospital in East Grinstead he gave Simpson a new nose, a new cheek, new eyelids, even a new eyebrow. He moulded the remains of his hands back into usefulness.

Simpson recalls these operations in detail. And he also paints a picture of McIndoe's wider work of his fight for the cause of disabled men ("as much attention and money,"

wrote McIndoe, "must be devoted to enabling the man to live for his country as is expected on seeing that he can die for it"), of his cure for the minds of his disfigured patients (he refused to make them wear hospital "blouses," insisted on them being nursed by the prettiest girls he could find).

There was Monica. Even among these pretty nurses her good looks sparkled. Simpson saw her first when he was waiting to be trundled to the operating theatre. Later he watched her each day from his bed in the ward, not daring to disclose his growing love for her. Today she is his wife. And in her own fashion she has surpassed even her husband in courage. She was a devout Catholic and her children are today being educated as Catholics. Yet, by marrying a divorced man, she deliberately cut herself off not only from her religion but also, but in her belief, from its promise of life in eternity.

'Yes, please'

There were people like Lord Beaverbrook. In the postwar world they gave Simpson the chance he wanted—the chance to be treated as an equal and not as a special case. Simpson describes one interview with Beaverbrook:—

"Do you want a job?" he asked in his deep and grating Canadian drawl. I had not had any intention of becoming a journalist, but I said, "Yes, please," and found myself on the staff of the Sunday Express. "We'll make a great human writer out of you," he said rather frighteningly. He named a salary and then doubled the figure with a spontaneous gesture and a friendly grin.

A great human writer? Simpson's new book often comes near to justifying that large prophecy. It is a book I for one will never forget. To recommend it to others is a double privilege.



HE'S CONVINCED HIS POLICIES ARE RIGHT

By Les Armour

AT 57, Francois Christiaan Erasmus is a man at ease with the world. Genial, gregarious, and relaxed, he harbours no discernible bitterness, grinds no political axes. He walks and talks like a man with plenty of time, no immediate worries, and nothing on his conscience.

All that comes as a surprise when you meet him.

For he is South Africa's Defence Minister, one of the fathers of the ideology of apartheid, and one of the men who must take the final responsibility for the state of the Union.

You expect a tight-lipped, uncompromising, iron-willed apostle of the supremacy of the white man.

Instead, you find a friendly, unassuming man with an ease under questioning which comes, obviously, from a sense of the rightness of his actions and his ideas which is so deep-seated that he is sure that history will vindicate him and that the world's opinion, for the moment, is unimportant.

A farmer's son, he left the warm dry plains to go to law school, practised successfully for a while and then, at 30, gave it up for politics.

From the first he was a staunch believer in the policies of the Nationalist Party—the policies that

have been frontpage headlines ever since Daniel Malan first became Prime Minister of the Union in succession to Jan Smuts.

When Smuts and Hertzog, South Africa's two elder statesmen, formed a coalition, Erasmus was one of the few men who chose to follow Malan into the wilderness rather than join them.

When Malan became Premier, Erasmus became Defence Minister.

Ticklish Job

As Defence Minister, his job has been ticklish.

For the outside world's question about South African defence is always: defence against what?

Defence against external aggression or defence against revolt from within?

There have been many who have suggested that Erasmus' aim must necessarily be to build up a strong

force geared for action against possible revolt of the African inside the Union.

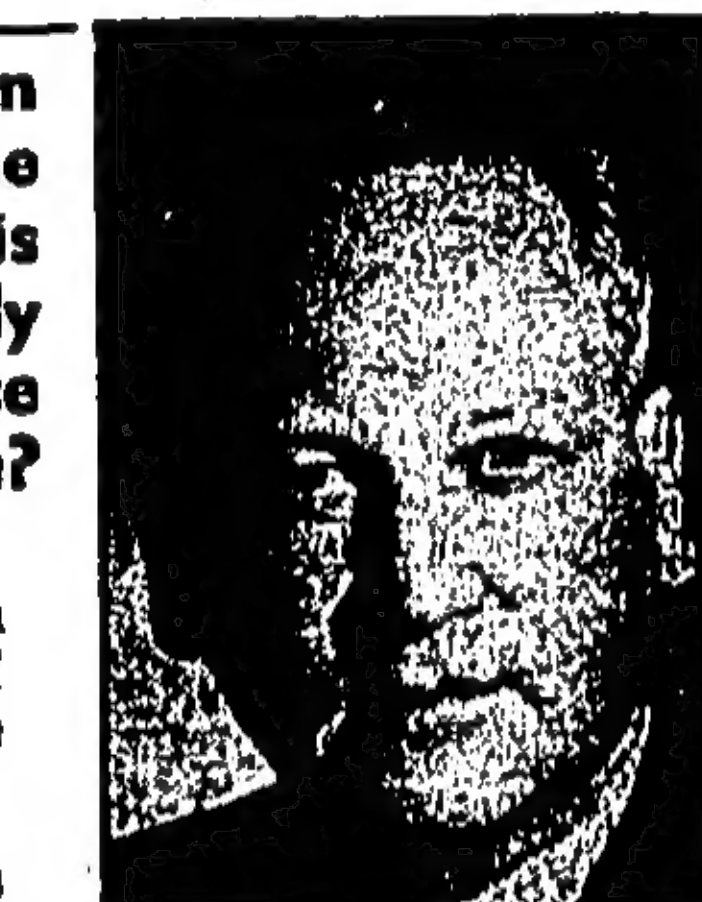
But Erasmus has always insisted that defence is purely against the possibility of external aggression. And there is nothing about the nature of South Africa's defence programme which suggests the contrary.

The Union has a small, compact force which can be rushed anywhere the government feels necessary—a force which, apparently, would be more use as a South African contribution to an international effort than as a deterrent to internal revolt.

He has been accused of refusing to arm Africans because he was afraid that they would use their arms against the government.

But his answer is that participation in modern war or preparations for modern war would clash with the government's policy for African development.

He holds—and no doubt he holds it sincerely—that Africans should be reintegrated into their own society and encouraged to develop from a tribal basis to a



ERASMUS

level appropriate to the twentieth century.

Obviously, to recruit Africans into an army would contribute still more to tribalisation.

Furthermore, he quite genuinely does not believe that there is any danger of revolt. He insists that the African is better off economically in South Africa than anywhere else, and that Africans are aware of the advantage. Unless they are spurred on by "agitators," he sees no chance of discontent becoming generally serious. And his government makes short shrift of "agitators."

Good Future

As to the future, he is convinced, again, that the African in South Africa has a good future to look forward to—a future in which he can develop his own society.

The great dream of two societies in South Africa is one

which, to him, is a coming reality.

It may not square with immediate practice. But to sincere Nationalists, that is merely the result of past misrule which is being corrected.

So he can afford to smile gently when he is told that America's Foreign Secretary, John Foster Dulles, has described Nationalist policy as one which "may touch off an explosion that will spread the fire of revolution throughout Africa."

After all, South Africa has no Mau Mau.

Sees Danger

And the anthropologists have blamed Mau Mau, in the last resort, on the bitterness and confusion which have resulted from the clash between Western civilisation and the tribal way of life.

It is precisely that clash that Mr. Erasmus is trying to minimise (though the practical success of the essay may be doubted).

Meanwhile, he feels free to concentrate on South Africa's defence against external aggression.

South Africa is separated from Moscow by 80 degrees of latitude and from Peking by 70 degrees of longitude. It is, in fact, about as far away from the capitals of any potential aggressor as anything in the world.

But Mr Erasmus still sees a danger.

In event of war, he is convinced, Russia would charge hell bent through the rich and politically unstable oil lands of the Persian Gulf, menace Suez and be in an ideal position for any offensive against South Africa.

In fact, he says, "Africa south of the Sahara is the biggest weak spot in the West's armour."

And, in event of hostilities, weak spots may well be good targets.

He is not immediately worried. But he is dithering, slowly, to fill the gap.

His Diplomacy

He succeeded, this summer in getting the British Government to promise support—in principle—for a special agreement by NATO powers concerned in Africa to co-operate in the defence of Africa.

And he is working on the French, the Belgians, and the Portuguese.

But he does not see the problem as one for immediate worry. "World tension is definitely easing," he says with a smile.

In the long run, he reasons, his diplomacy will get him the agreements he wants. For the moment there is nothing to worry about.

Let the outside world criticize if it wants to—he is convinced that history will show him to be right.

History may, indeed, show him to be wrong. But the world would do well, it is really worried about South Africa, to study Erasmus. He is not unique among Nationalist politicians, and he is not the kind of man the headlines have led you to suspect.

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THE BOGART OUTLOOK

Now, at 54, it's time to be a respectable citizen

THE waiter came into the lounge of the hotel suite balancing a tray, and said: "Here are the drinks, Bogie."

We were in democratic New York, where it is the waited-upon who have to be polite, meek, respectful. But even there no film celebrity would expect, and encourage, the hotel staff to use his nickname. Except Humphrey Bogart, the least pompous and pretentious of celebrities. But he's also the most wryly mischievous.

SCORN

When I greeted him with "Hello, Bogie," he said, "Please don't be so familiar in front of the staff. Bad for discipline."

Mrs Bogie (Lauren Bacall) entered from the bedroom in a flowing multi-coloured dressing-gown. She is called Betty by her friends and probably by the chambermaids too.

"We drank 'Bogey' on the rocks" at millions of the New York, and they talked as only the bantering Bogies do.

She said: "I suppose you've been wanting your time since you got here. You've probably gone to see Bogie's new movie and ignored mine." (His was *The Desperate Hours* and hers *Blood Alley*. Both had just been premiered.)

I confessed she was right. I received a scornful look.

WHO SUES NOW?

A pageboy brought in a copy of a national magazine, and Bogie turned to the film page to read the review of *The Desperate Hours*. It was flattering. He smirked.

"What does it say about my film?" asked Betty.

"Nothing. It only reviews the really important films."

"It'll sue them," said Betty. "Incidentally," said Bogie, turning to me, "who's suing you at the moment?"

"Nobody," I replied. "Who are you suing at the moment?"

"Not a soul. Except the guys who run that magazine that attacks all the Hollywood stars. Better switch the subject."

I inquired about his campaign ing head. (I reported the first stage about two years ago when he was visiting London.)

"Well, I haven't lost any more hair. Maybe I've even sprouted a bit. But I've no magic cure for baldness. Make that clear. Ever since you first wrote about it I've been pestered by letters from biddies begging for the cure. Some from women."

"And ever since you said I was a dollar millionaire I've been in trouble. I've got practically nothing compared to these Texan oil millionaires. But everyone's been trying to put the bite on me. I'm nearly ruined. I let the waiters call me Bogie, so they'll settle for a small tip."

As an actor the "nearly ruined" Bogie has never been more in demand for films that earn him around £60,000 each or a healthy percentage of profits.

IT'S CHARM

He pondered the question of why he should be so successful at the age of 54.

"It's charm," he said, twirling his hair into a demure grin. "Mature. Irresistible charm. Plus my beautiful curly hair."

"Seriously, I don't know. Maybe it's because I've learned something about acting at last." He bowed to his wife, who had retired to the bedroom to change—

"It's 7.5. We gotta leave for that dinner date."

She emerged in black evening gown and mink stole saying: "Why are you always telling me the time? I'm a big girl now, and I can tell the time. Reiner, Bogie."

Said Bogie: "It's 7.5 and 55 seconds."

SO KEEN

"Shut up and let me talk about my career for a change. I may be playing Elvira with Noel Coward in *Bliss in Spirit* on TV over here. I'm so keen I'd almost agree to do it for nothing. But don't tell my agent." (Her agent has been asking about £8,000 for her services.)

As we rode downstairs in the elevator, Bogie, who has been banned from two New York night clubs, said:—

"Sorry I haven't any sensational news. Haven't been thrown out of a night club for ages. Been behaving like a respectable citizen."

I advised him not to do it because a habit.

RUGGER UNDER FLOODLIGHTS GUNNERS MEET REST OF THE ARMY AT THE VALLEY TOMORROW

By "PAK LO"

Tomorrow evening rugger fans from all over the Colony will be congregating at the Club ground at Happy Valley where, in the main event of the evening, the apparently invincible Gunners' XV faces its strongest test to date when it meets the Rest of the Army at 6.45 p.m. under floodlit conditions.

As an appetiser to this mighty battle the Club are fielding a team against 74 LAA on the same ground at 5.30 p.m. prompt. Part of this game will also be played under the floodlights.

The main game of the evening has been one of the main topics of conversation for some time among rugger enthusiasts, most of whom will be going to the ground in the hope of seeing the Gunners' XV lose their unbeaten record as well as some first class rugger.

As is but to be expected, Gunners have made no change in their side, while the Rest of the Army, with the disadvantage of not having played together before as a team. However, taken individually, they if anything look a better side than the Gunners.

Bishop at full back is as good as Rowe, and the combination of Blincoe, Moore, and Caine as the two centres and wing of the three has proved very effective in their games for the 48 Brigade.

If anything they have more punch in attack than the Gunners, and the Gunners' three are inclined to become a little ragged when closely harassed.

Behind the scrum the Rest have Kell and Sharpe. While Kell has not lived up to his promise of last year, he is still a very good fly half, and he and Sharpe seem to have little trouble in getting their three going.

On the other hand Glen and Jackman have shown very steady promise throughout the season, and it is noticeable that Glen has of late been getting the ball away from the base of the scrum faster and cleaner than of yore.

Better Forwards
But it is in the forwards that the Gunners have the advantage. Without doubt they have in Collett the finest lineout forward in the Colony, and in Hill one of the best wing forwards whose play over the last few years has always been a joy to watch.

The Gunners therefore should get a plentiful supply of the ball from the loose and lineouts, but Foster is the smarter of the two hookers and since his team is about evenly balanced as regards weight in the forwards should get the ball back quite a lot.

This means that both teams should get an equal share of the ball one way or another, and behind the scrum the Rest look the more likely to score.

Not that Wyss or Gerrard or Harrison are unlikely to score, but again the Rest backs have shown a better sense of defensive play in the games they have taken part in so far. On paper at least it looks as if the Gunners will at last have to play second fiddle, but spectators can be assured that they will see a really hard, fast, clean and open game, whatever the result.

In the curtain raiser, the 74 LAA XV consists to a large extent of the Garrison side. Tomorrow night they are without some of their best players as Gerrard, Collett, Buckley and Gatehouse are playing in the major game.

STRONG SIDE
Despite this they are fielding a strong side which should give the Club plenty of trouble. With Dowling, Phipps, and Preston in the forwards the Club pack will have to fight all the way, and behind the scrum the 74 have a fast moving set of backs backed by a very steady full back.

RAF Sai Wan
Beaten In
Fencing Match
Royal Air Force Little Sai Wan defeated the Hongkong Police by 20 points to 12 in a fencing league match at the Central Gymnasium last night.

R. C. Ardy of the RAF won all his fights in the foil and sabre. Newcomer C. H. Chau of the HK Police showed good form in winning two fights and losing one against an experienced hand in J. Carter.

F. K. Lau won honours for the Police in the Epee. The meeting was presided over by Mr. B. Collett, assisted by Mr. D. Carrott in the foil.

The individual scores are as follows:
Foil: RAF Little Sai Wan: S. Davies won 1, lost 2; R. C. Ardy won 3, lost 0; J. K. Pollock: C. H. Chau won 1, lost 2; J. Carter won 0, lost 3; H. K. Tse won 1, lost 2.

Sabre: RAF Little Sai Wan: J. Carter won 1, lost 1; R. C. Ardy won 0, lost 1; H. K. Pollock: F. K. Lau won 2, lost 0; D. Carrott won 1, lost 1.

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Jack Solomons
Retiring?
London, Dec. 5.
Mr Jack Solomons, leading British boxing promoter, may give up organising fights and return to his one-time job of manager, it was learned here tonight.

It was understood that Solomons would take this decision in June, next year, if business did not improve, because he claimed that he lost £250,000 over the past three years.

Britain's big fight "king," who has organised fights with Sweden, Australia and South Africa, and has close contacts with American promoters, has considered forming a manager's pool to combine good boxing bouts.

SPORTS DIARY
TODAY
Target Cup second round.
TOMORROW
Gunners v Rest of Army under floodlights at Club ground at 5.30 p.m.

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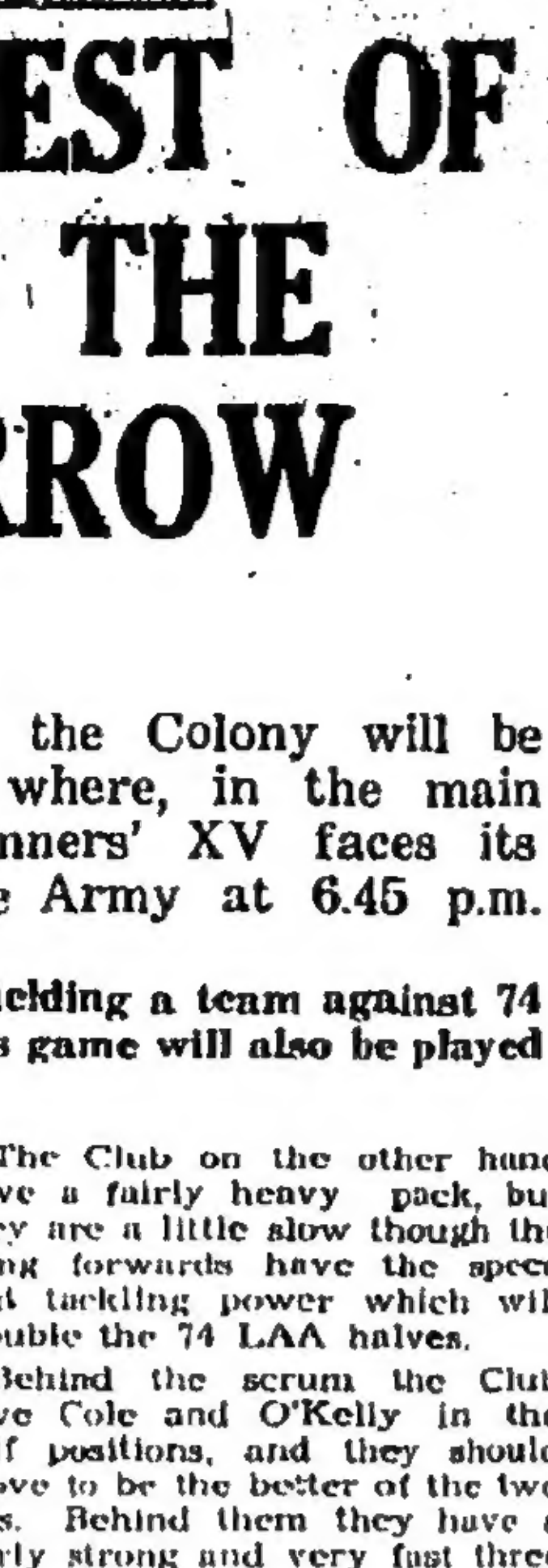
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A TENSE MOMENT



A tense moment in a soccer match in England between the Aldershot and Yeovil teams at Southampton last week. Match was a replay, star performer was Aldershot right-back Tom Reddie. Aldershot won 3-0.—Express Photo.

PUNTER'S PARADISE

Little Joe Forces The Track Into £15,000,000 Face Lift
By "THE SCOUT"

Joe Punter, of New York, saunters off to Belmont Park to "do" his dollars just as Mr Green, of London, goes off to Kempton or Sandown Park. Suddenly the Belmont Park authorities found Joe was not coming so often and they asked themselves why.

The answer was that Joe, after visiting more luxurious modern tracks such as New Jersey, Hialeah, and Santa Anita, all at once found Belmont uncomfortable and old-fashioned. Belmont statistics helped diagnose this lack of appeal, and so the "old woman" of American racing has ordered herself a face-lift.

At the moment plans are going through for rebuilding Belmont Park at a cost of not less than £15,000,000.

The present stands will be razed, an entirely new block erected, the course itself reshaped, and subterranean space for parking 15,000 cars fashioned below the racing arena.

Most owners and trainers regret the passing of the Belmont Park they have known. There is a lot of sentiment and tradition attached to this course and the average prize-money amounts to more than £2,000.

ALL SATISFIED
Stewards, owners, trainers, or jockeys were not responsible for demanding this enterprise. All these parties were quite satisfied with what Belmont had to offer.

The stands were comparable with Epsom, more convenient than Ascot, and years in advance of those ramshackle reminders of bygone days from which we watch racing at Newmarket and Doncaster.

But... not good enough for the man and woman who pay their dollars at the turnstiles and expect amenities equal to those offered by Garden State, Atlantic City, Laurel, Hollywood Park and elsewhere.

That is why the stands of Belmont Park—"the Newmarket of America," for it is a training area as much as a racecourse—are being pulled down and rebuilt at such tremendous cost.

The customer is the dictator of American racing. The men and women who attend the races out there betted a total of £700 million through the racecourse parimutuels in 1954. (Audited figures—seven hundred million!)

From this figure some £25,000,000 went in State taxes, and the equivalent was handed to the racecourse executives.

Each racecourse profits from its own enterprise. Put on

ANOTHER ANGLE ON YOUNG PLAYER PROBLEM

LET CLUBS TRAIN BOYS —FOR FUTURE OF ENGLAND

Says CLIFF BRITTON (Everton Manager)

After reading articles about the conduct of professional clubs towards schoolboys who are potential football stars, I thought a few points of view from the other side of the fence would be of interest to readers and to the schools authorities who inspired the articles.

Now that there is—rightly or wrongly—so much national prestige attached to international sport, the problem of making the most of our available talent should be the concern of all who are interested in our showing in the international field.

Our prestige in the football world has long since passed out of the hands of the England amateur team. It depends upon professional football. If the amateur people will realise this, there may be better co-operation with the professional clubs.

I am fully aware of the failings of the League clubs. I also appreciate that boys who have gained places to grammar schools should make the completion of their education their primary objective.

OPPORTUNITY
But, where boys are gifted with outstanding talent for a particular sport, I cannot understand the attitude of headmasters who have an obsession that this talent must not be developed by professional people.

This is more important to boys who are graded in senior modern schools. If some of these boys have to depend on academic talents for their livelihood their future is not very bright.

Perhaps the only way these boys have of gaining a standard of living comparable to boys of higher intellect is by using this natural ability to play games. Why should they be denied the opportunity?

The professional clubs have been accused of only being interested in boys as potential footballers, and that all other matters relating to their general welfare are not considered. This is unfair and untrue.

While clubs are chiefly concerned with boys for their football talent it is not to the exclusion of their other interests. If parents wish their sons to have some other safeguard for the future, then clubs are willing to help.

PUT TO TRADES
Every year we at Everton arrange for boys to be apprenticed to the various trades, or articulated to accountants. Many of them will not make the grade as footballers, but the benefit of their becoming tradesmen continues after our interest in them as footballers has finished. Some never reach the point of signing professional forms.

In professional football, as in the business world, boys are in a competitive market. Management are looking for the best talent and that is their responsibility. But, even for the boys who do not make the grade, one cannot say that the three or four years they have spent with a first-class club have been wasted.

These boys have been developed physically and given a code of discipline during adolescent years. Those who return to amateur football are able to pass on valuable experience gained with professional clubs.

Many boys are grateful for this and much of the information obtained from those players who have passed through professional clubs.

NO SCRIP HEAP
They would not do so if they thought they had been thrown on the scrap heap. They have the chance to make the grade and have not. They are satisfied.

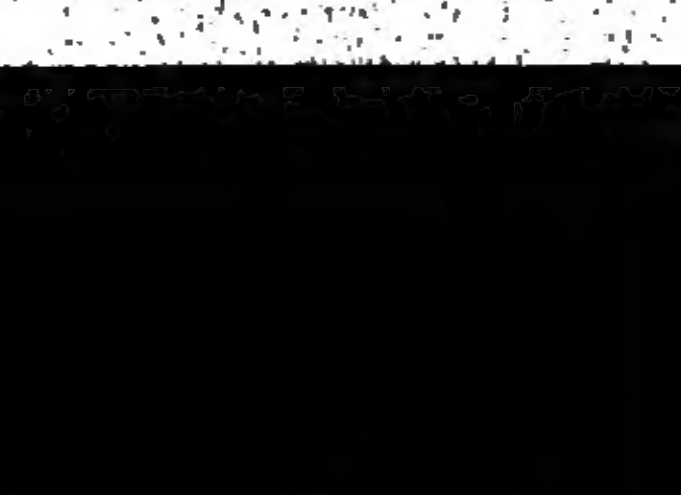
Now to the wider issue of national prestige. The school authorities may say it is not their concern to provide England with players, yet no one should be more vitally concerned than the schools. Our future prestige depends on the schoolboys of today.

To raise the general standard of play, the professional clubs—or professional coaches—must be able to get hold of prospective professionals in school football much earlier than they do at the moment.

The majority of boys from whom we recruit have a natural gift. It is long before they leave school, and most of them have made up their minds that they are going to be footballers.

Was he right?
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Yet we are not permitted to touch these natural and only resources until after school-leaving age, which is generally nearer 16 than 15. By this age many bad faults have become habits which may never be broken.

The Confidentials teams have gained an advantage over us in basic principles like ball control, positional sense, and accuracy of passing.

If our schoolboys could receive specialised training in the basic skills by experienced professional staffs from the age of ten onwards we will take a big step towards putting our general standard of play on a sounder footing.

FEW FROM MANY
The number of boys who would be involved in the suggestion of specialised training is very small. In Liverpool there are 26,908 boys between the ages of 11 and 15-plus attending council schools.

Yet at the end of last season Everton and Liverpool signed only nine boys.

If possible, boys should go to their local clubs. This would stop the auction of schoolboy talent which can divert a boy's love of the game into other channels.

If school authorities will not co-operate with the clubs, then the Football Association could supply coaches to train these selected schoolboys regularly, instead of coaching the masses.

It is little use spending time on boys who have no aptitude for games and will

INTERNATIONAL STAKES
US Jockey Accepts Invitation To Ride At Melbourne
Arcadia, Calif., Dec. 5.
Veteran American jockey Johnny Adams today accepted an invitation to ride in the International Stakes at Melbourne, Dec. 31, and will fly to Australia December 16, he announced at his home here.

The noted rider will be the only jockey from the U.S. invited to compete in the race at Caulfield Park. The race features jockeys from every major racing centre in the world competing by invitation.

Adams said his cable invitation did not say which horse he would ride. Adams announced he would fly back here immediately after the Melbourne race in order to carry out his assignments at Santa Anita race track as contract rider for Harry Hasso Farm.

He hoped to be back here by January 3 or 4 in order to get in some mounts in the second week of the Santa Anita meeting which opens December 20.

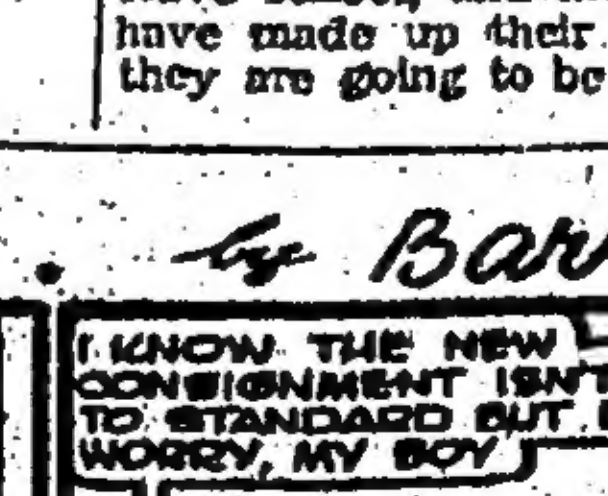
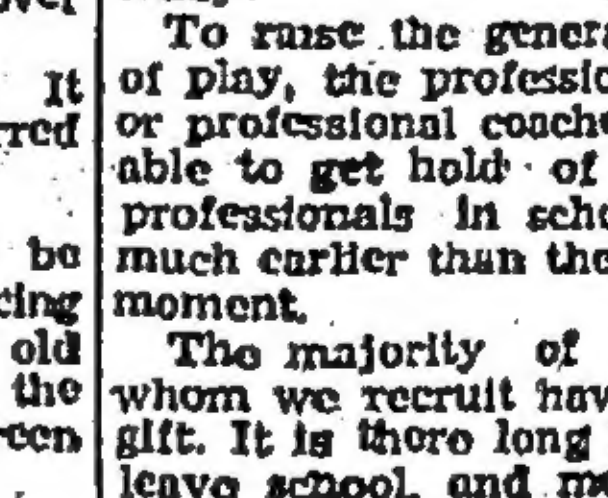
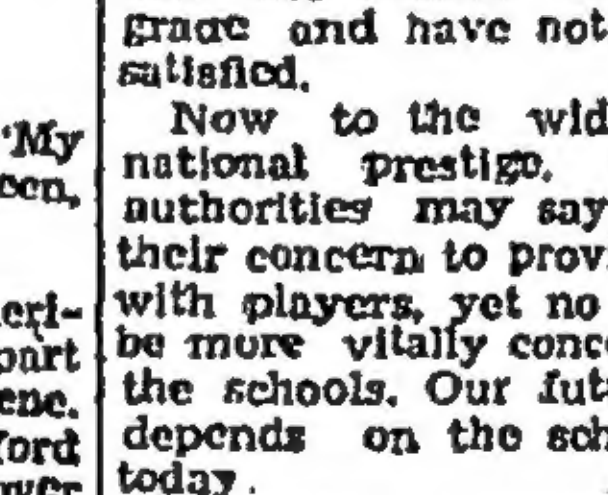
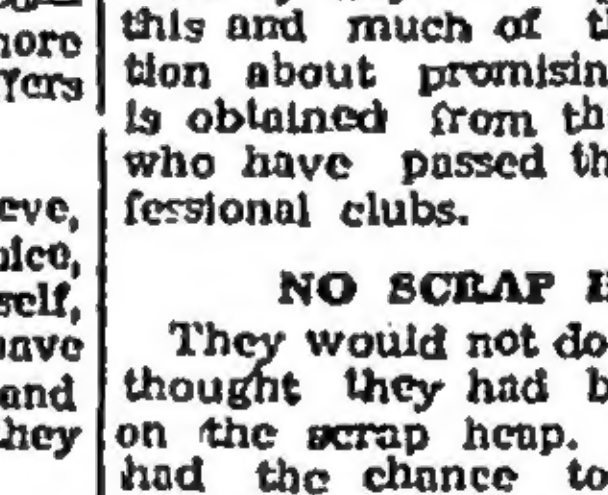
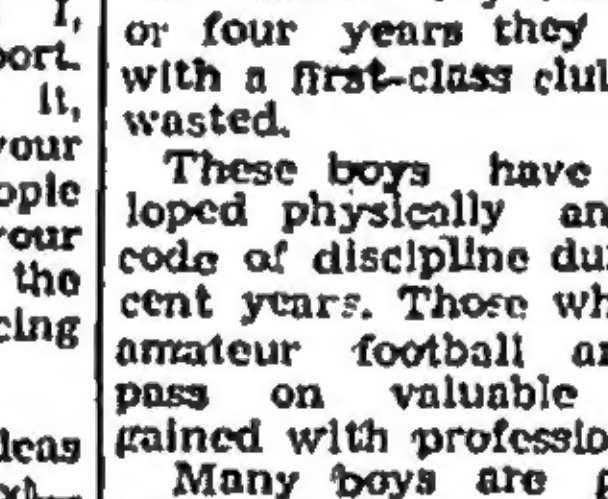
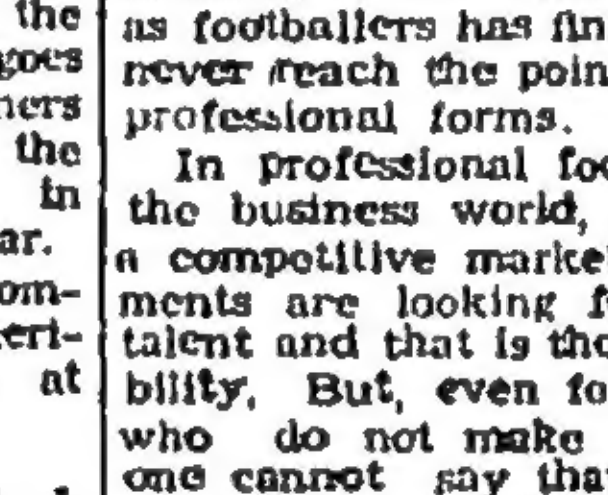
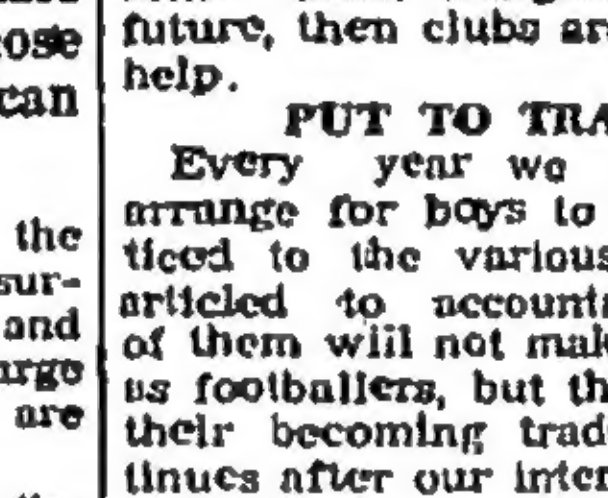
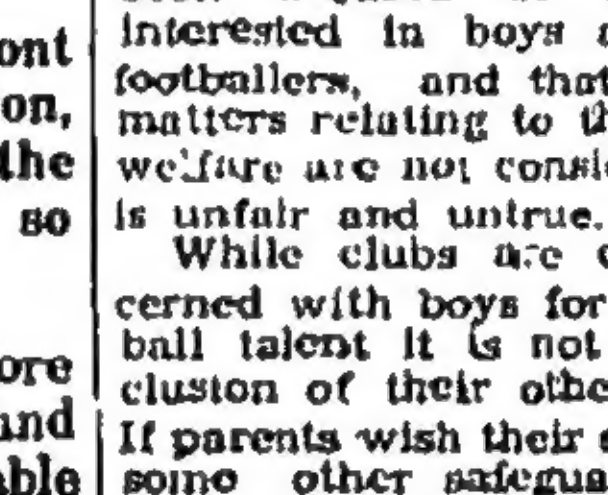
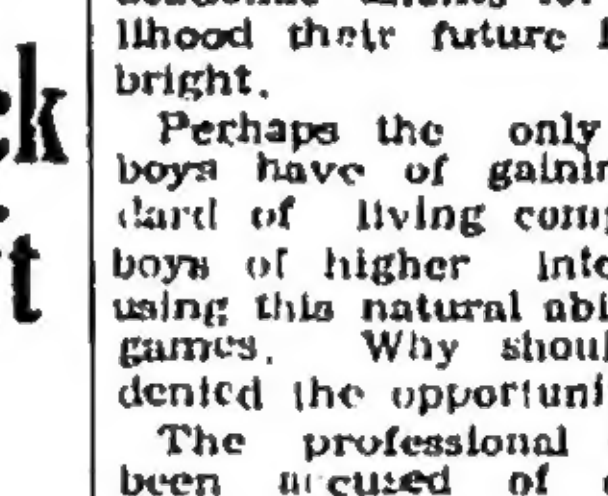
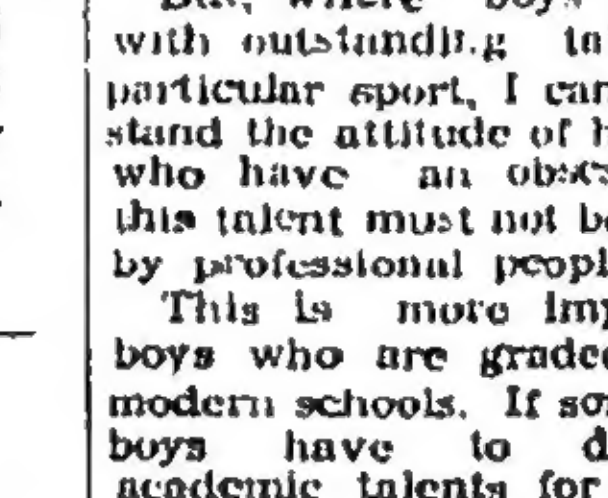
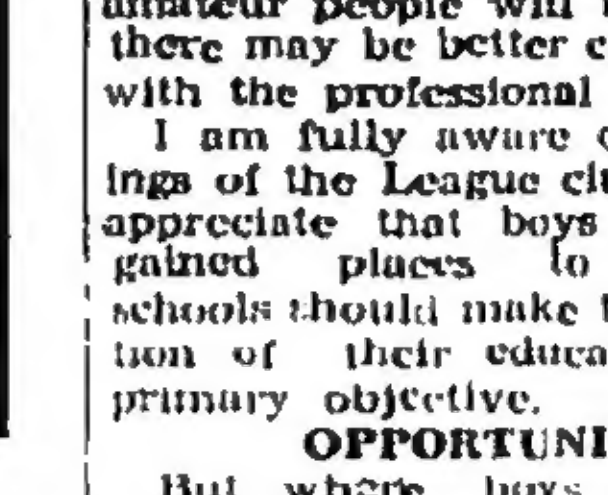
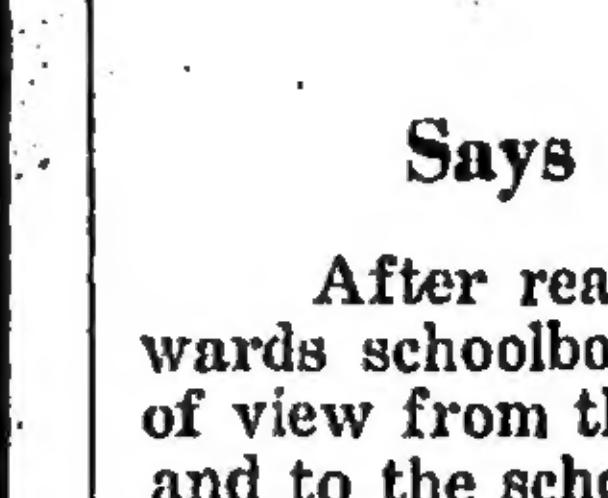
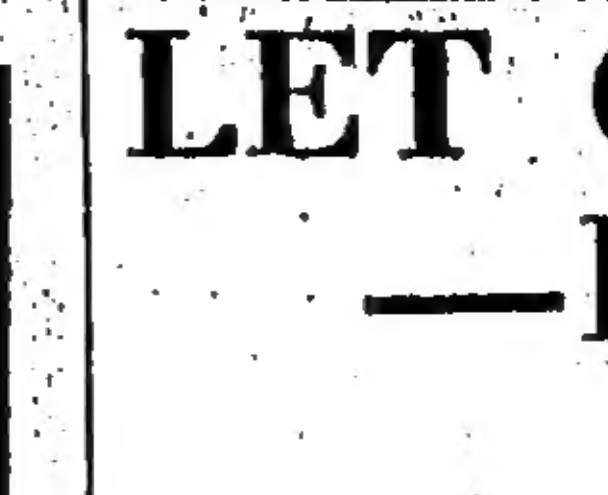
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Nashua was a repeater on the roster of Champions for he also was selected as the top two-year-old colt by the TRA last season. This year that honour went to Mrs. Aaron A. Bigelow's Nash with Howell E. Jackson's Nashua chosen as the best two-year-old filly.

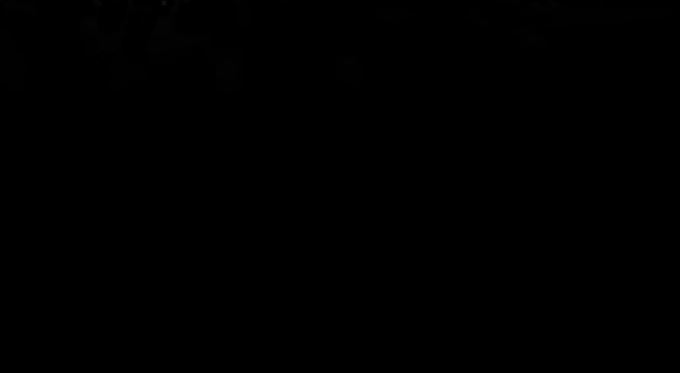
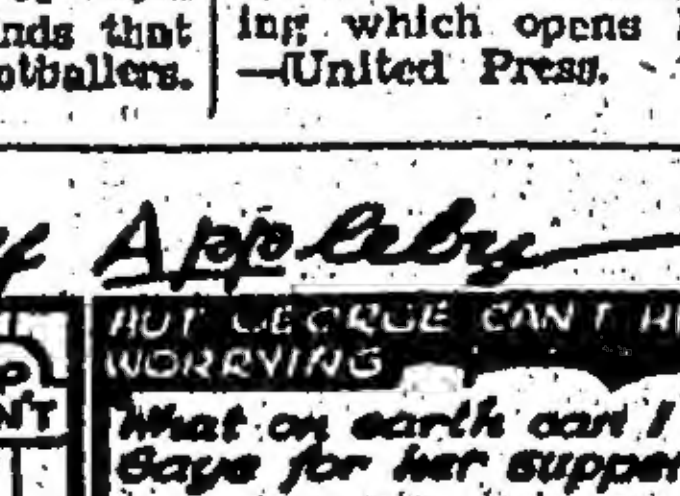
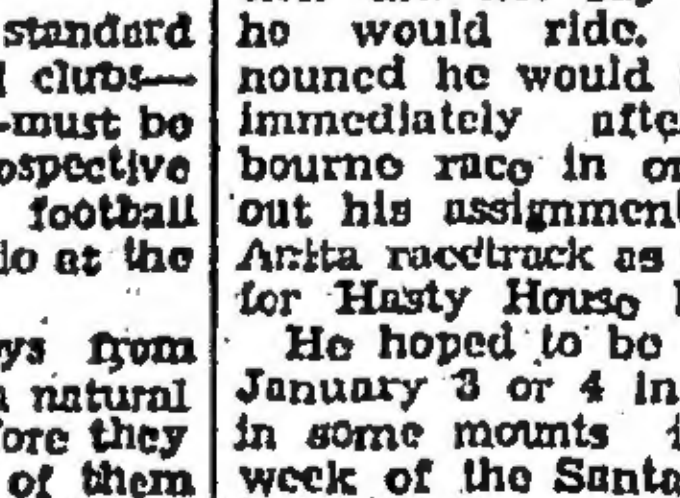
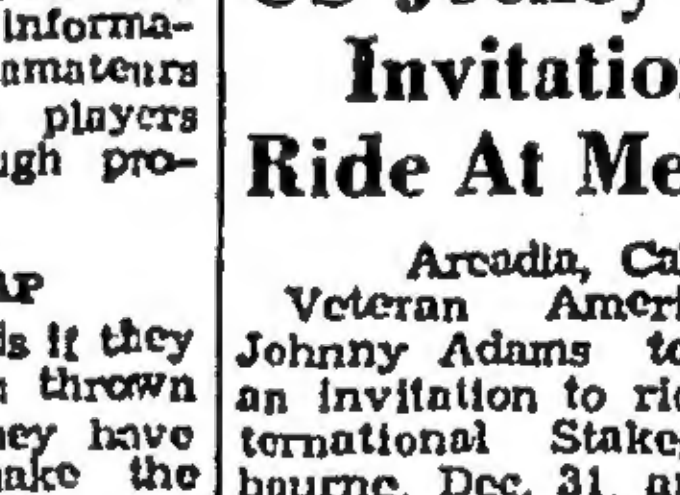
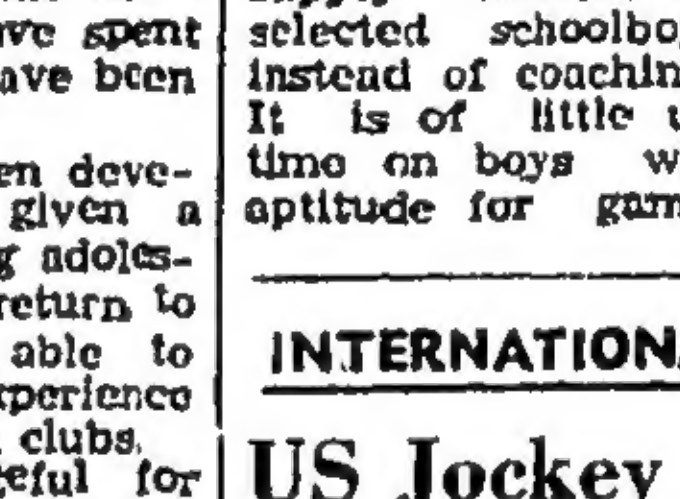
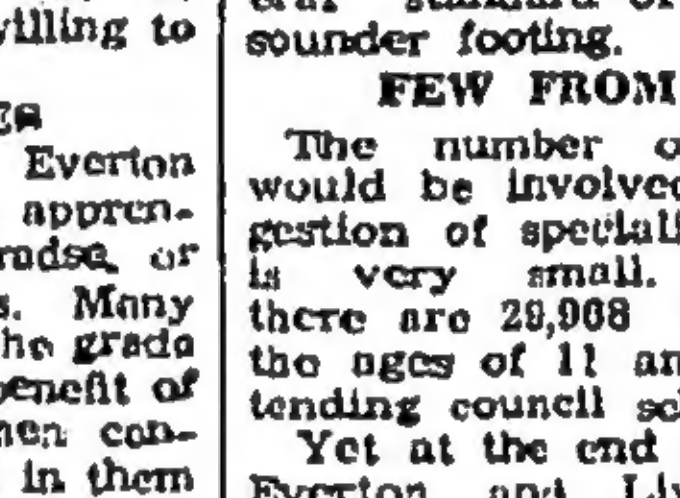
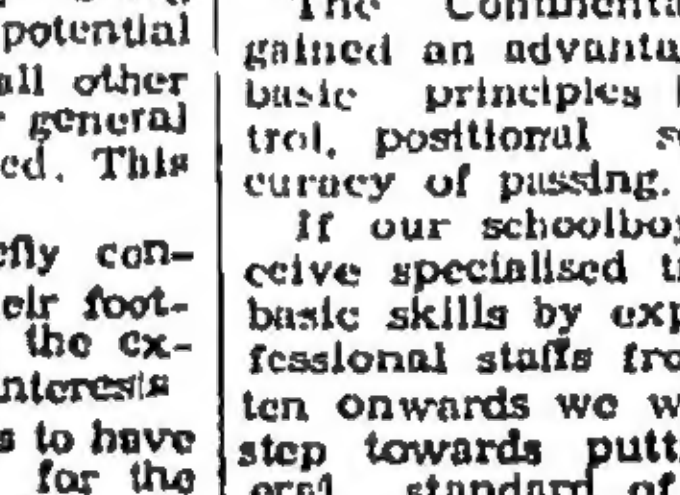
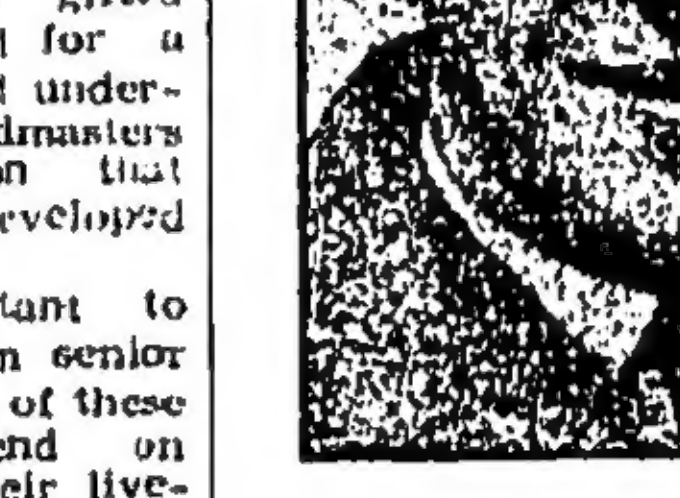
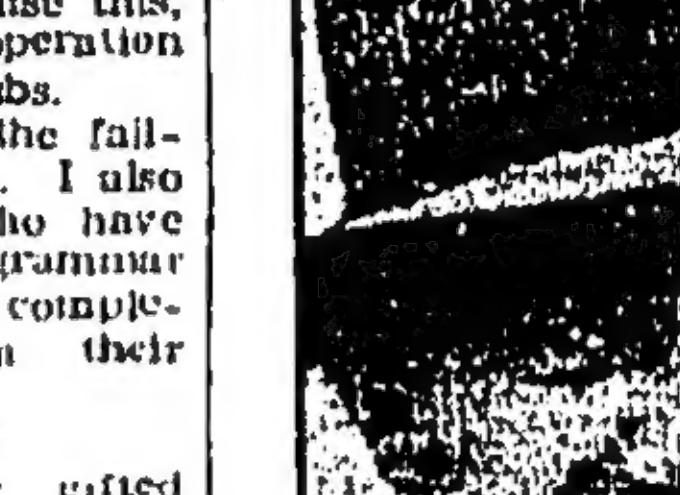
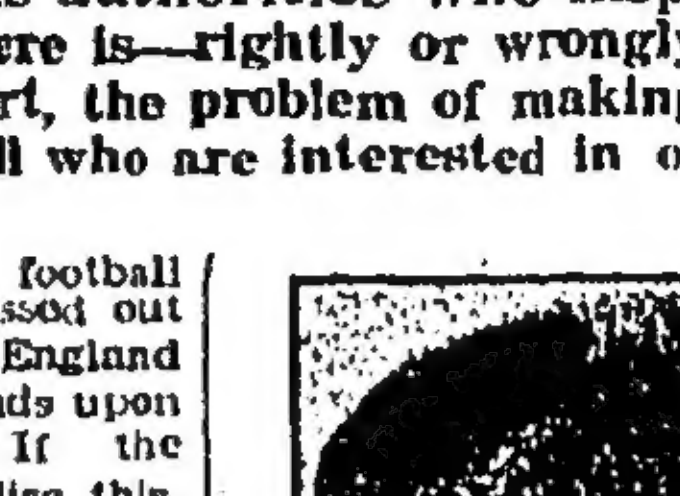
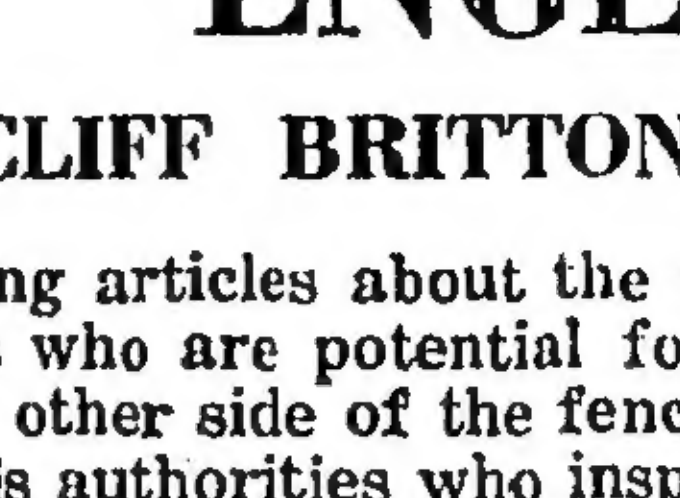
Nashua currently is at Claiborne farm at Paris, Ky., while the executors of the late William Woodward, Jr. estate ponder his fate. The Belair beauty already has earned \$945,415 through 61 victories in 20 races and is topped only by Citation's \$1,035,760 on the list of the world's leading money winners.—United Press.

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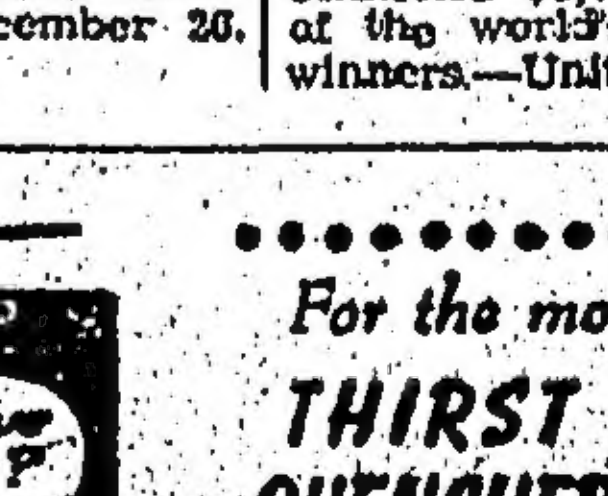
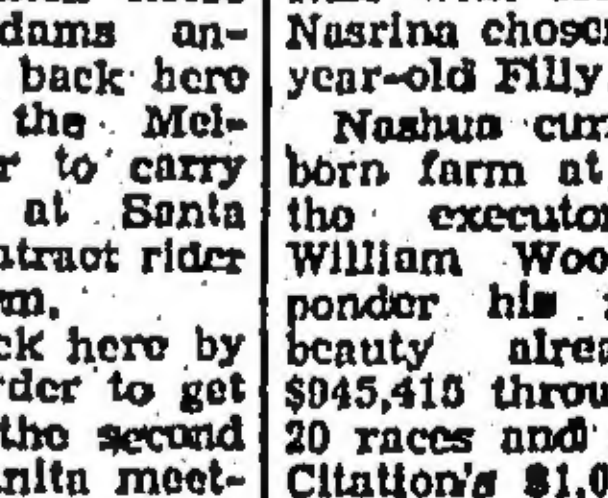
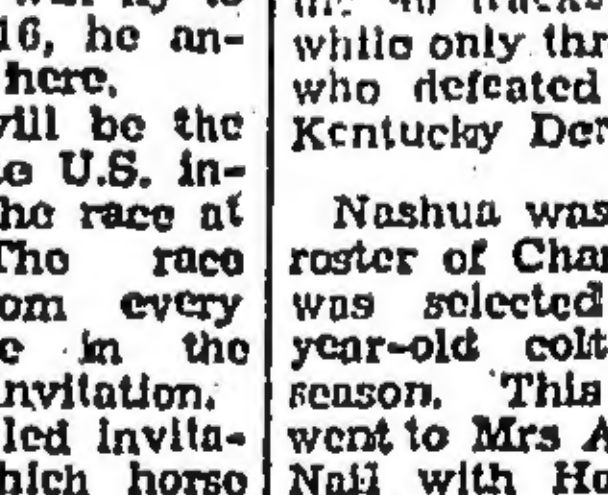
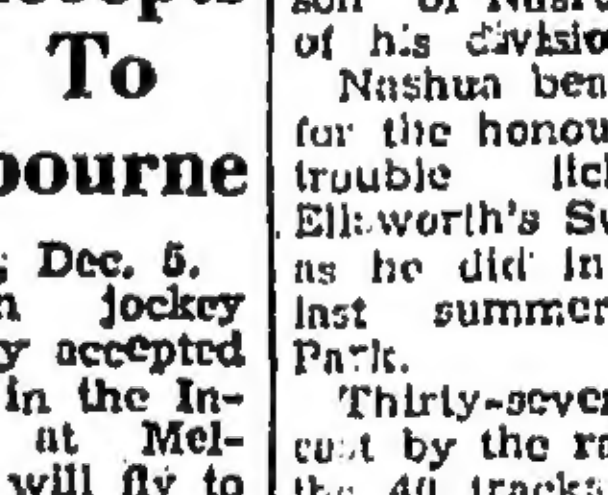
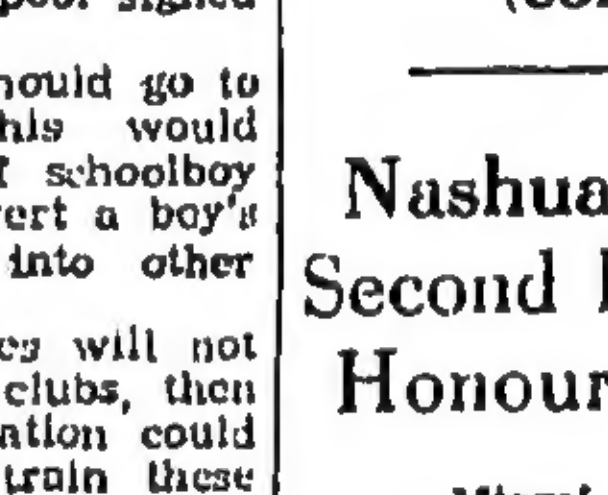
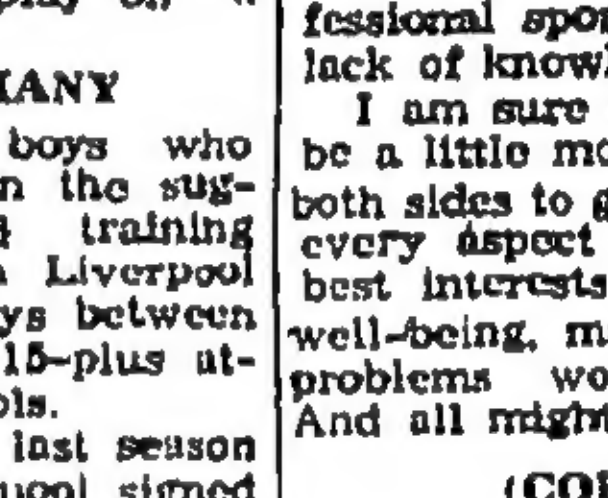
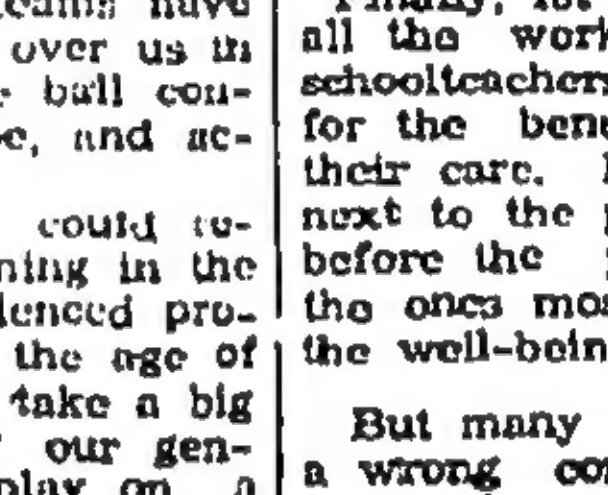
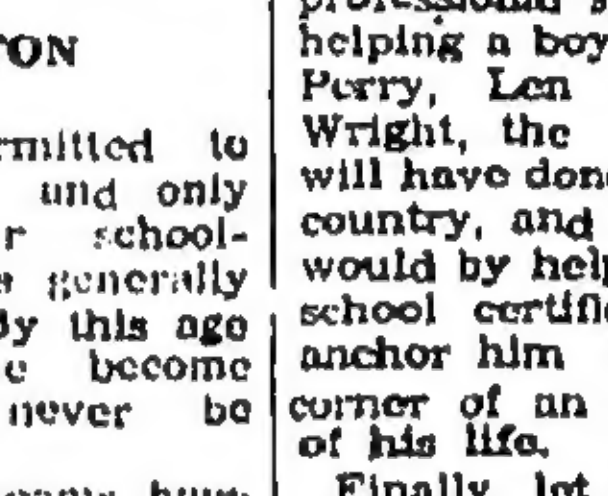
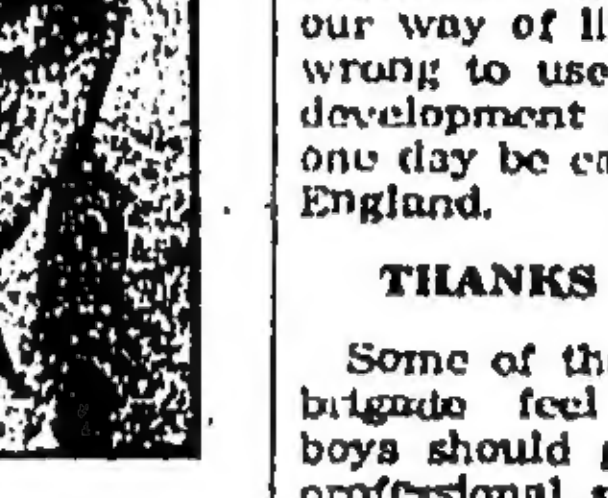
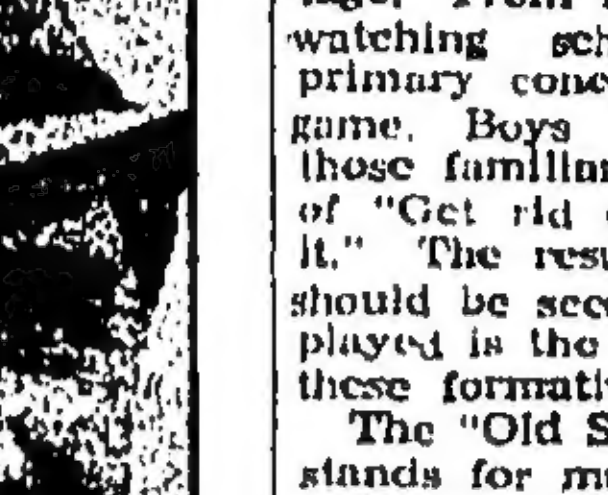
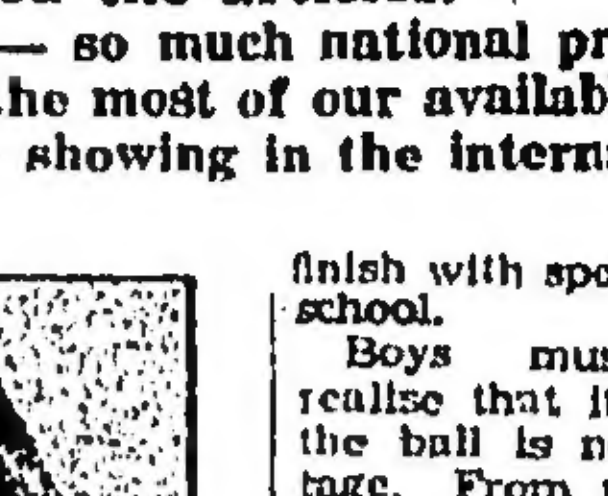
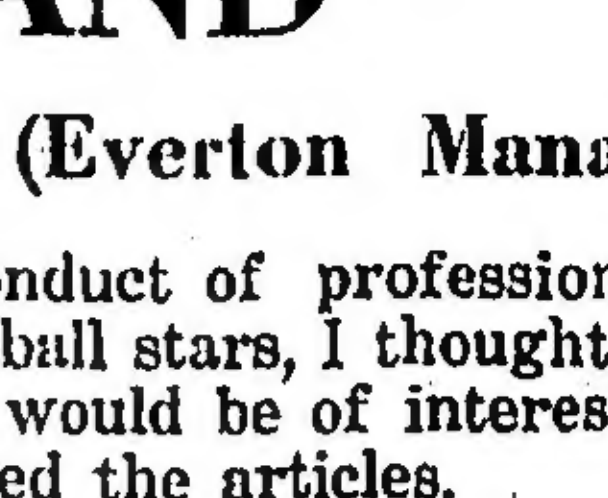
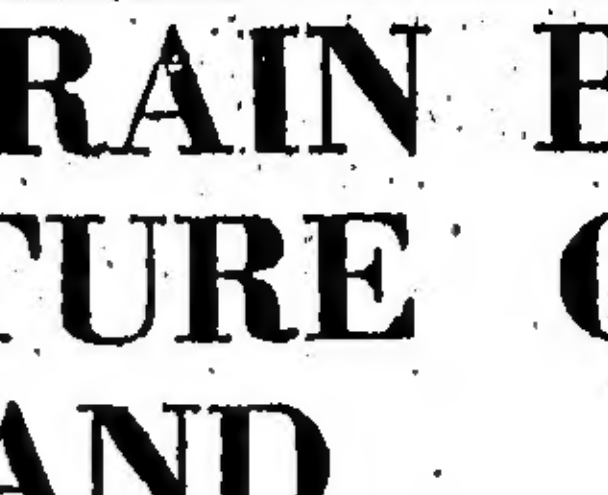
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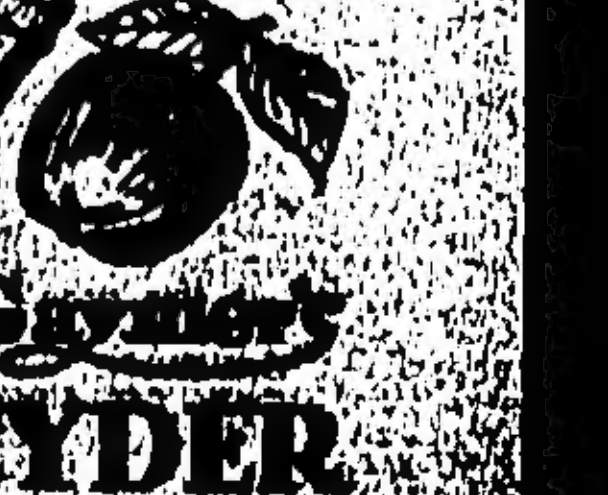
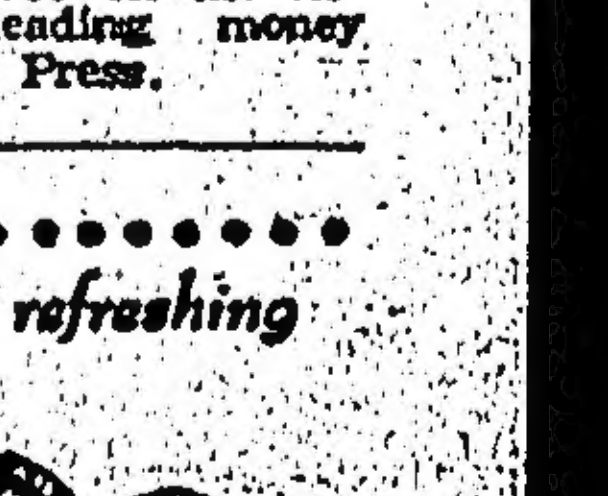
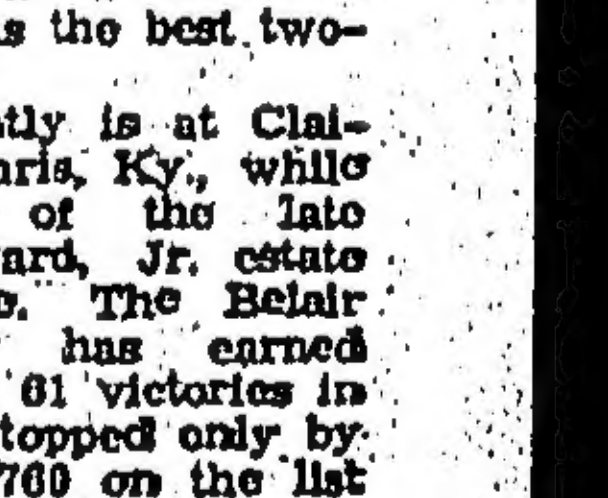
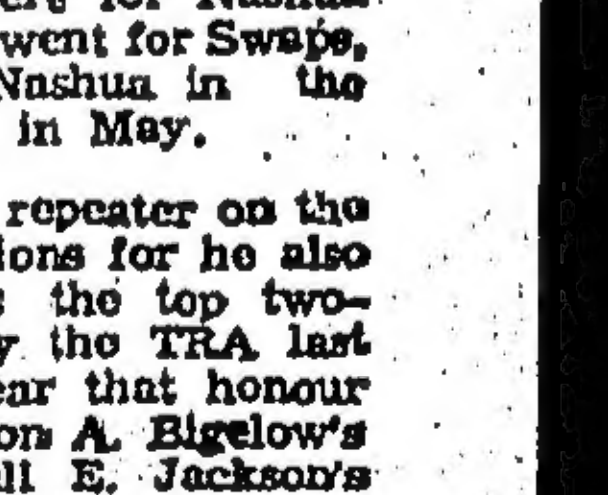
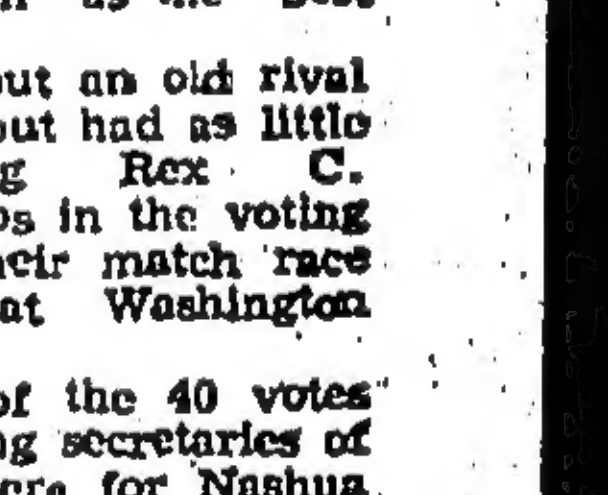
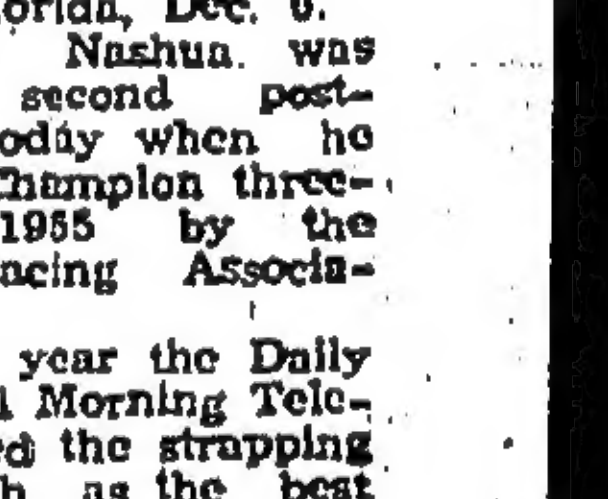
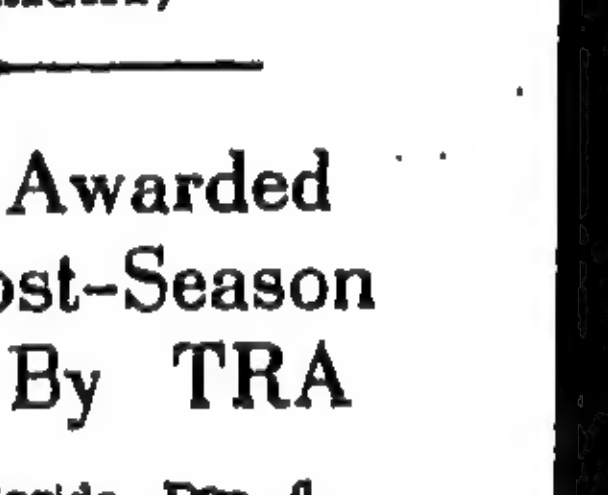
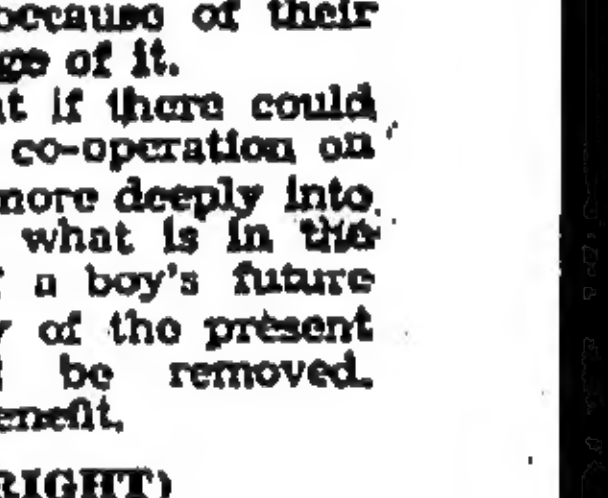
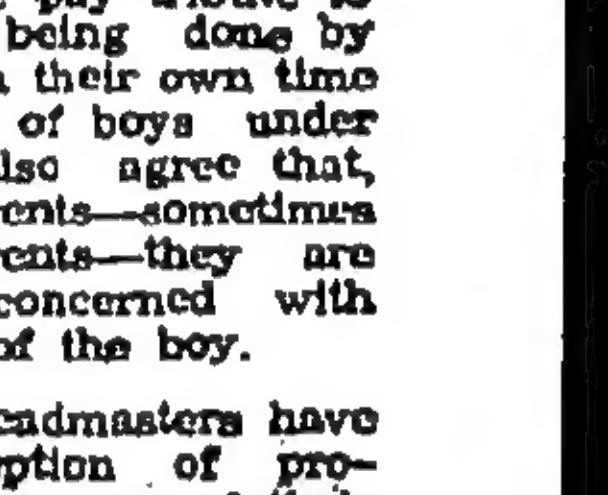
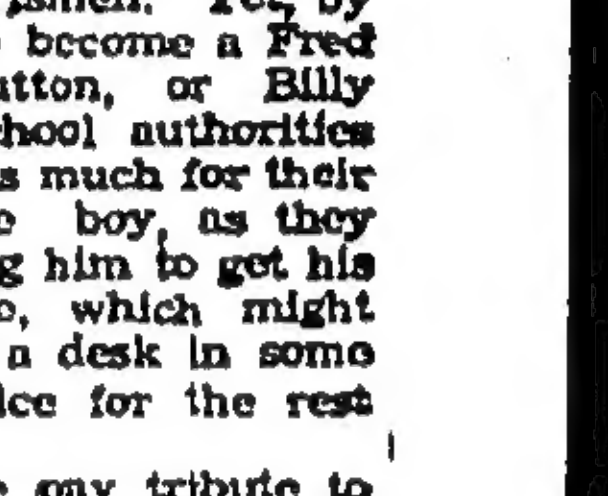
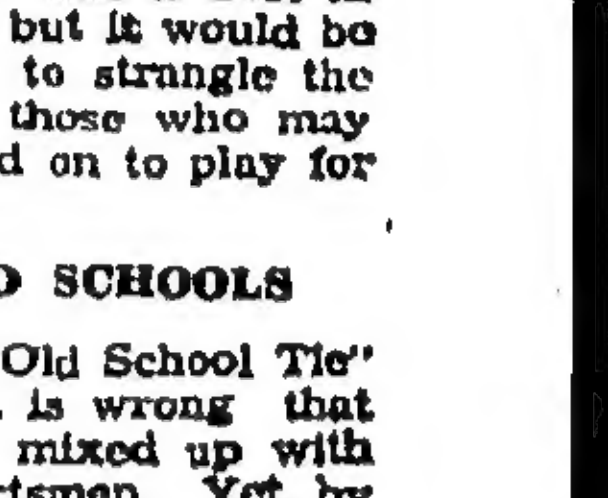
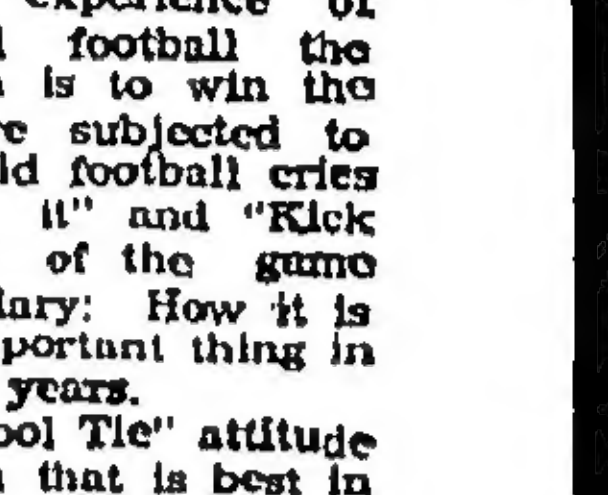
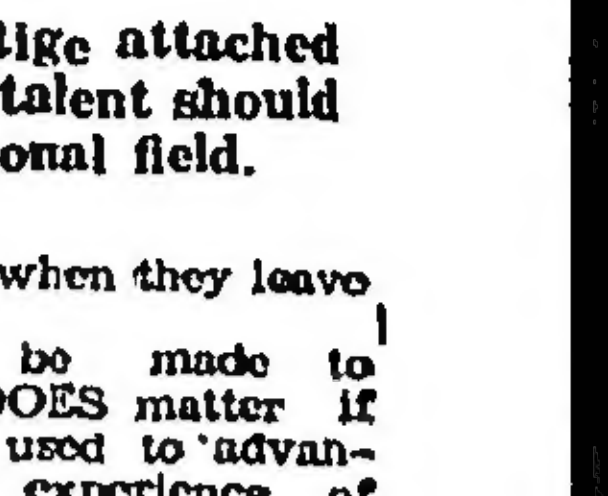
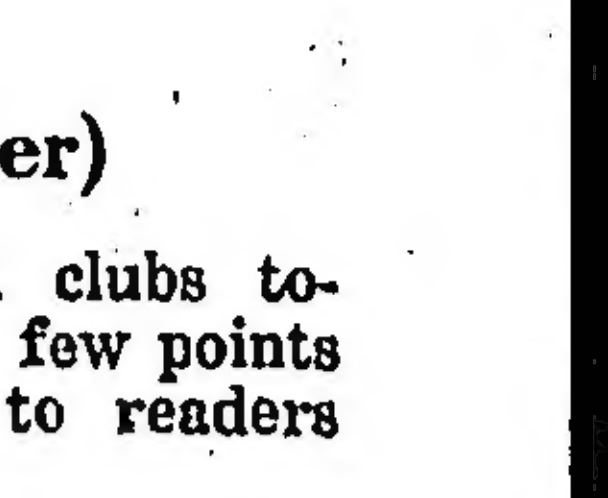
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LOOKING AT SPORT

REFEREE PERMITTING, TULI'S STRENGTH CAN REGAIN EMPIRE TITLE

Says DENNIS HART

This evening can be the night of nights for Jake Tuli, the fighting Zulu. He can win back the Empire Flyweight title; avenge a year-old defeat and step once more into the boxing limelight.

Between him and these glittering prospects stands the slim figure of Dai Dower, the Welshman who came from the coal face to win the Empire title — from Tuli.

That was in October last year, in the same Harrington ring where Tuesday's fight takes place.

This time I fancy it will be Tuli's chance if the referee is not alarmed by his leanway tactics.

Jake doesn't want any favours. All he asks is to be allowed to fight his own way.

CLOSE RANGE

He wasn't in the last Dower scrap. Mr. Andrew Smythe was the referee. Nine times he warned Tuli at the South African, tore into the Welshman. The result was that the bout was not fought at close range, as Tuli wanted it, but at a distance. That suited the classical-styled Dower down to the ground.

Just how much can be seen from Dower's fight with Young Martin, when he lost his European title. Martin charged in like a miniature Marcelino and buffeted Dower to a crushing twelve-round defeat.

Tuli reckons he can do the same—unless the referee stops him.

Why did Smythe keep warning Tuli in the last scrap?

It wasn't so much what Tuli did, but what he might have done. When a fighter rushes his man heads may collide. Smythe saw that the heads didn't get near enough.

A noble action? In some ways, but a referee takes an awful lot on himself when he indulges in prophecy. If Tuli is allowed to get to grips at close quarters on Tuesday I don't think Dower will have the strength or the know-how to force him away.

MURDEROUS JAB
The South African has a murderous left jab. He carries a knock out in his right as well.

Against this Dower has his tremendous speed and a copy-book straight left. At a distance his speed is enough. It was before, when he outpointed Tuli. But it won't help him close in. And that's where Jake aims to be—with the referee's permission.

Dower's left is a snappy puncher. But it doesn't carry much venom. Young Martin treated it with contempt when hustling the Welshman to defeat.

There is a third factor—Dower's weight. It has been sug-

gested that he is having difficulty in making the Flyweight limit. Against a man like Tuli, this in itself could be disastrous.

Dower may well give Tuli a lesson in the finer points of boxing. But I take the South African's strength and punching power to win him back the title. (London Express Service) (COPYRIGHT)

Piggott Still Grows —But Race Strength Increases

By JAMES PARK

The 1955 flat-racing season was the first full term for many years that the other jockeys did not have to contend with Sir Gordon Richards. Douglas Smith consolidated his position as Champion jockey and stepped up from 129 winners in 1954—when Sir Gordon rode for part of the season—to 168.

The signs are that Smith will remain at the head of the table for some years.

One reason why I think Douglas Smith will remain the Champion jockey is that he has amassed a considerable knowledge of the art of race-riding apart from being able to put it into practice. It should not be thought that one follows on the other automatically. Not by any means.

I have always found Smith to be sound in his judgment of what happened in a race, and he recently expressed the opinion that our own jockeys were just as good in tactics as the Australians.

COMPARISON

Smith compared the catlike run of Scobie Breasley with the powerful finish of Lester Piggott. While it may be that their styles are different in a driving finish, I have noted a certain similarity throughout a race. Breasley always sticks close to the rails on a round course. He knows that is the nearest way home. Piggott has been doing much the same this year. It requires a lot of pluck to remain on the fence with a bunch of horses in front. The jockey knows that if he does not get a clear run he will be blamed for riding a bad race. Breasley and Piggott are con-

tent to remain on the inside longer than most in the belief that an opening will be presented by beaten horses falling back. It has come off for them so often that they are entitled to say the tactics have been justified.

That sort of thing depends on how many races were lost which might have been won. That did not happen very often to either Breasley or Piggott. For one who is still so young, Piggott has mastered most of the tricks of the trade. He has complete confidence in himself and takes a philosophical view of life.

DRIVING POWER

Piggott's future depends on how long he can remain at his present weight of around 14 lb. He is still growing, but has increased in strength from year to year. He has tremendous driving power, and in that respect I doubt whether he is excelled by any jockey riding today.

I would not say it is pretty to watch, but that does not mean much. It is effectiveness which counts, and when it comes to strength in a finish, Piggott can hold his own with the best. (London Express Service) (COPYRIGHT)

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

THIS IS THE YEAR OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MOTION PICTURES

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

This is the year of multi-million dollar motion pictures. I'll give you the dollar statistics and you can take pencil and paper and quickly find the sterling cost at \$2.80 to the pound.

Samuel Goldwyn's "Guys and Dolls"—\$6,000,000; Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" in Todd AO—\$10,000,000; Twentieth Century Fox's "Carousel"—\$4,000,000 and "The King and I"—\$6,500,000, both of these in the 55 mm Cinema-Scope technique, which is superb.

There are a dozen important films which have cost over a million pounds and still being shot in C. B. de Mille's colossal version of "The Ten Commandments," a deceptive title as his ten million dollar epic concerns the life of Moses, (Charlton Heston), a brace of Pharaohs, (Yul Brynner and Sir Cedric Hardwicke) and a bevy of Egyptian and Hebrew beauties, (Anne Baxter, Yvonne de Carlo, Nina Foch, Debra Paget.)

ON HIS OWN

Completely on his own is impresario Mike Todd, dynamic, indefatigable and imaginative,

who is steadily going "Around the World in 80 Days." Cost so far is seven million and he has twenty days to go. There are more than forty noted stars and players in the cast to date. I have spent several nights watching the shooting with Ronald Colman, George Raft, Marlene Dietrich, Gilbert Roland, Reginald Denham, Cesar Romero, Charles Coburn, Joe E. Brown, Buster Keaton, Joe E. Cooper playing one-day or one-night cameo roles.

Through the round-the-world story move the four main characters, David Niven, his man, Mario Cantinflas, and Robert Newton, with Shirley MacLaine as the Indian Princess. The small part Mr. Todd showed me is fascinating. It will be one of the festivals of cinema in 1956.

The ultimate in advertising—"Sex—one of the delightfully funny words in "I Am A Camera." And Joan Crawford's latest, "The Queen Bee," has half-pages in the Hollywood and Los Angeles papers with a photograph of her seemingly about to bite John Ireland with the caption, "Other Women! Men are the Most Exciting to Me!"

This "Queen Bee" is a series of dreary monologues by Miss Crawford and not even her twenty-one changes of costume justify them. In fact John Ireland says to her, "You're like some fancy kind of disease."

After seeing this queen bee stinging all her rivals, it's well understood why Miss Crawford, costumes and all, went on the road to sell the movie. Many of us thought that she would gracefully when she married her fourth husband, wealthy peepsicola tycoon, Alfred Steele. But no. It's announced that the veteran star will film "The Story of Esther Costello" for the Wolf boys with Rosanna Brazzi as her leading man. She certainly changes her mind, does Joan. She told me emphatically that

she had no intention of doing this grim story.

PROUD FATHER

I had a drink with a proud father whose third son arrived last week, delivered by our favourite obstetrician. Kirk Douglas welcomed eight pound two ounce Peter. He took two days off from "Lust for Life," in which he is portraying Vincent Van Gogh, to celebrate.

The doctor is Leon Krohn, who has delivered many noted babies—Bing Crosby's twins, James Stewart's twins, and the James Mason's Party and Alexander Morgan, as well as hundreds of ordinary infants, like ours.

Kirk, who married his second wife, Ann Baughens, former Paris publicity woman, in May last year, told me he wanted a new family, "and to be blessed with a son is marvelous," said the bearded actor.

There's a wonderful turn in a Hollywood music-hall. A lion and a small goat that do tricks together. A film star who took her children to see the turn said to the trainer after the show, "They are very unusual. Do they really get along so well?" "Well, they do have their little differences," said the trainer, "but we just buy a new goat."

This is Frank Sinatra's big month. He stars in two excellent films showing in 30 cinemas throughout Southern California. They are "The Tender Trap," a delightful comedy with Debbie Reynolds, David Wayne and Celeste Holm, and "Guys and Dolls" with Jean Simmons, (who is charming as Sister Sarah,) Marlon Brando and Vivian Blaine. (Next week Frankie-boy begins his own film, "Johnny Concho," without helress Gloria Vanderbilt who decided the small part she signed for in this western was too small, so packed up, returned to her Manhattan penthouse.

The "Revolt of Mamie Stover," a lurid yarn of a light of love who makes a million dollars in Honolulu during the war, begins filming at 20th Century Fox Studios with Jane Russell as Mamie. There's been a slight change in the characterisation of Mamie. She's now a dance-hall hostess, with Agnes Moorehead as the owner of the "Joint" and Richard Egan as Mamie's friend and counsellor.

Dick Haymes says that Rita Hayworth's Nevada divorce suit will be heard as soon as the lawyers agree on various details. What details? "Oh, they're beyond me. Legal stuff," Haymes said airily.

One thing is sure. Financial details must be settled. Allegedly Rita borrowed about £40,000 to pay his debts. Meanwhile Columbia Pictures wait with "Joseph and his Brethren." Rita said she'd do it if they could get Glenn Ford for Joseph. He's now committed to film "Teahouse of the August Moon" with Marlon Brando in March. Earliest return for Glenn, July, 1956.

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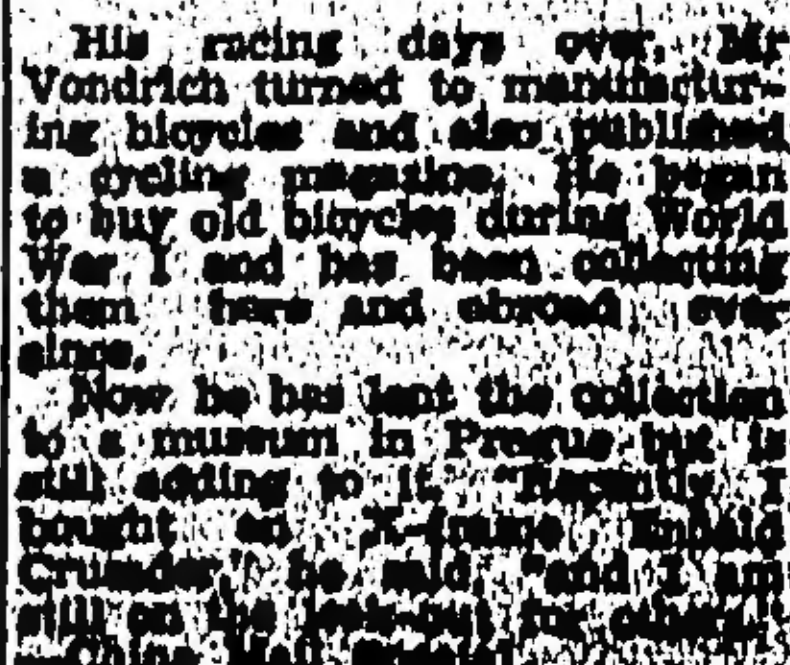
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The resolution approved by the New Democratic Youth League of China, disclosed that there were originally some 100,000,000 illiterate youths, but some 30,000,000 of them have learned to read and write through normal education and spare-time education. Franco-



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

LONDON MARKETS
HAVE GOOD DAYSurprise
Steel
Dividend

London, Dec. 5.
Stock markets were in a very good form today with activities widening into sections hitherto not much in the news.

The surprise dividend declared by Colvilles, the big steel producer, had a great effect. It served to remind people, apparently, that business is very, very good and not merely an illusion created by inflation.

Turnover rose sharply to 12,000 bargains recorded compared with 10,000 bargains a week ago.

Rose Sharply

Colvilles shares rose 3s and most of steel shares gained at least a shilling. Electricity and chain stores shares were strong and active. Countdown gained nine pence on a press comment on its use of the new man-made acrylic fibre. Unilever gained and held a shilling rise.

Only were again a mixed lot. Royal Dutch rose 1s by drilling and Anglo-Egyptian "B" jumped 3s on a dividend of 1s. The others were mostly calm.

Gold shares were uninteresting.

British Government stocks were firm all day but the news of a new loan being sold by the Liverpool Corporation kept buyers away.—United Press.

Fight Against Inflation

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$450,000, close to the level of the morning's transactions.

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UK GOVERNMENT
PLANNING TO
TAKE INITIATIVE

From Ronald Boxall

London, Dec. 5.

News leaked out of Whitehall last week that the Government is planning to take the initiative in the fight against inflation. A White Paper outlining the current economic situation and pointing out the dangers of the continuing drift towards inflation is under consideration. But the Government's main line of attack has already been indicated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

So casually that it passed almost unnoticed, Mr R. A. Butler told the House of Commons: "Unless we can buttress and support the taxation system of this country and make it broad and all embracing I do not think that we can carry the burdens which lie before us."

This is the plainest hint that has yet been given that the Government is planning to make purchases for a permanent revenue raiser. The Chancellor's statement attracted surprisingly little attention—perhaps because it was made rather late at night at the end of a tedious debate. By contrast one could imagine the interest that would be aroused if the chairman of an important company had warned the shareholders that the business would go bust unless it could find means of making more money to meet its ever increasing overheads.

Nationally Ignored

Mr Butler told the nation in effect that it couldn't have its cake and eat it too. That is an axiom that is well understood by everyone who has ever tried to balance the family budget or run a small business. But it is ignored on the national level with astonishing consistency.

Purchase tax already plays an important part in the Government's efforts to eradicate inflation. Reading between the lines of Mr Butler's speech one gathers that it has been cast for a different role in Government's future plans. By bringing within its scope virtually everything from motor cars to toothbrushes—Mr Butler has paved the way for its substitution by a general sales tax defined primarily to raise revenue.

Failing a tax of this sort it is difficult to see where the money is to come from to pay for everything that the Government is now expected to provide.

Mr Butler reminded the nation that the burden of social services is growing day by day. There has been an increase in national assistance payments and the cost of health services has risen. There has also been a "distinct rise" in the cost of education service.

All these are worthy causes and the nation would not like to see any of them impaired. With them the public has an assurance of social security. But it demands a security against the threat of external aggression—and that costs money too.

Future Experts Grateful

Mr Butler predicted that the future tax experts and tax writers would be grateful to him for the "singularly disagreeable task" I have ever undertaken in broadening the scope of purchase tax. He could have added that future chancellors would be grateful too.

Certainly Sir Kingsley Wood could not have foreseen how purchase tax would develop when he introduced it in 1940. Its purpose in those days of war was to drain off excess purchasing power and distribute the spending of the nation. At first its exact contribution to the war effort was small.

In the financial year 1941/42 it raised just under £100 million and it remained at this level for several years. It was not until 1946 that the war was over and the nation's purchasing power began to rise. It was then that the purchase tax in its effort to curb inflation that it became an important revenue raiser.

WORLD
COTTON
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 5.

Cotton futures today resumed the reactionary trend under way at the end of last week.

In moderately active dealings, prices opened mixed and remained on the defensive for the rest of the day.

Bearish price-shaping factors included: 1. Sharply higher private crop estimates; 2. Increased December liquidation; 3. Dulness in the export market; 4. Uncertainty over what final form new farm legislation will take when Congress convenes in January and what price support levels will be next year.

Day trader covering stenciled prices at the close, but the list still showed net losses of 9 to 27 points at the final gong.

Opening prices were up 1 to 10 points. New Orleans closed off 13 to 28 points. Anticipating the government's final crop estimate of the season on Friday 87 members of the New York Cotton Exchange, in an average guess, put the crop around 15,074,000 bales.

Other Figures

One trade publication estimated 15,255,000 bales. The last government figure was 14,843,000 bales. Favourable weather, limited insect damage, intensive cultivation and heavy fertilisation promised a record breaking yield per acre, the survey said.

Some traders, however, said crop estimates now are largely in an anti-climax. They felt the trade is all set for a big crop, and that the bigger the crop will be the amount that goes into the loan.

December liquidation followed the issuance of four delivery notices. Trading in the spot month will end December 13. The certified stock increased another 971 bales, totalling 10,376 bales at today's last posting.

Volumes and open interests were:

| Month | Volume | Open | Interest |
|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Dec | 21,200 | 172,400 | 172,400 |
| Jan | 23,200 | 407,000 | 407,000 |
| Feb | 22,500 | 222,000 | 222,000 |
| Mar | 15,000 | 534,000 | 534,000 |
| Apr | 16,700 | 108,100 | 108,100 |
| May | 11,600 | 134,700 | 134,700 |
| Jun | 2,000 | 41,500 | 41,500 |
| Jul | 1,200 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| Total | 114,500 | 1,746,400 | 1,746,400 |

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

| Spot | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Dec | 34.76 | 34.37 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 |
| Jan | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 |
| Feb | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 |
| Mar | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 |
| Apr | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 |
| May | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 | 33.70 |

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

| Spot | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Dec | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 |
| Jan | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 |
| Feb | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 |
| Mar | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 |
| Apr | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 |
| May | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 | 33.50 |

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

| Old contract | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Dec | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 |
| Jan | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 |
| Feb | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 |
| Mar | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 |
| Apr | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 |
| May | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 | 23.20 |

SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

| March | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Dec | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 |
| Jan | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 |
| Feb | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 |
| Mar | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 |
| Apr | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 |
| May | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 | 22.20 |

In the United States the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 38.55 cents. Sales totalled 61,967 bales.—United Press.

New York Foreign
Exchange

New York, Dec. 5.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

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Zinc 100 100 100 100 100 100 100

Peru's Cotton
Exports Down

Washington, Dec. 5.

The United States Department of Agriculture today reported that Peru's cotton exports of 830,000 bales (800 pounds gross) in the August 1954 to July 1955 marketing year represented a nine per cent decline from exports of 910,000 bales in 1953-54.

In its weekly bulletin on "foreign crop and markets" the Department said "declines were registered in exports to the Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Argentina and Columbia, with increased exports shown for Switzerland, Chile and the United States."—United Press.

WORLD
RUBBER
MARKETS

Singapore, Dec. 5.

The rubber market firmed on short covering and trade support. There was some profit-taking. Futures:

| No. 1 rubber per lb. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dec | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 |
| Jan | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 |
| Feb | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 |
| Mar | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 |
| Apr | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 |
| May | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 | 137 1/2-137 3/4 |

LONDON

The market was very steady with spot quoted at 39 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

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| No. 1 latex spot | 39-39 1/4 |
| Bentley's house term: | |
| Jan. | 39 1/4 |
| Feb. | 38 1/4 |
| Mar. | 37 1/4 |
| Apr./May | 36 1/4 |
| | 35 1/4 |

